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## Grand theft avocado

A GROUP of Axarquia farmers has demanded action following a raft of robberies.

It comes after the current high price of avocados sparked a sudden rise in raids on local growers, with tonnes of the fruit having been stolen in recent weeks.

One producer has been targeted three times in the last month alone, while another lost 1,000 kilos worth around €3,000.

And young farmers' association ASAJA claim that better coordination between the various security forces plus local, provincial and regional authorities is needed to solve the problem.

## Back to black

SHOPPERS are expected to hit the high streets across the region tomorrow as the annual Black Friday sales weekend kicks off.

Although the concept is still relatively new to Spain, retailers have welcomed the event with open arms and most major stores offer discounts across a range of their products.

Black Friday only became legally possible in Spain in 2012 when the government scrapped regulations deciding when sales could be held.



Photo by Sally Underwood/EWNMG

JANET HAYDEN: Faces losing her house.

# New nightmare Expat's home woe goes on

**EXCLUSIVE**

By Sally Underwood

A British pensioner has been told she has six months before she must leave her home.

Janet Hayden, 70, has been advised that her bank is seeking offers on her home even though she claims a friend is willing to stump up the cash.

The expatriate bought a plot of land in La Viñuela in 2003 and says she was advised by her legal representative that although the land was not designated for housing, she could secure the appropriate licence by paying a small fine. Janet says she never received a licence, however, and later discovered her home had been built on dangerous 'walking' land with serious structural problems.

She claims she had been told to by her solicitor to take out increasingly high mortgages to cover building costs only for her property to become almost worthless when it was discovered to be illegal and unsafe.

Janet explained the building's collapse is now "inevitable" without the installation of 17 metre steel rod piling.

Threatened with eviction on

various occasions and suffering from a health condition, Janet has been trying to reach an agreement with her bank for several years, but has now learned they plan to sell her home from under her.

The news comes after she was offered hope earlier this year when her bank said they would delay her eviction in the wake of a hunger strike campaign.

The news follows campaign groups Save Our Homes Axarquia's (SOHA) announcement that around 20,000 homes are at risk of being demolished after they were unwittingly built on non-urban land.

The organisation, which has been running since 2008, is asking Velez-Malaga Council to change its criteria to spare some homeowners the hardship of losing their property.

Philip Smalley, the group's president, said some owners "believe because they have all their paperwork and no action has been taken against them to date they are legal." He said only 200 property owners have contacted him so far and is calling on anyone with doubts over their home's legality to get in touch [president@soha.es](mailto:president@soha.es).

**FLASH BACK**



Our story in March

## Not just for Xmas



Photo by Policia Nacional

CANDELA: Is looking for a new home.

AN abandoned dog has been rescued by workers in Almuñecar.

The Rottweiler named Candela is now waiting for a new home after she was found when a resident told the authorities she had been neglected and was in bad health. The National Police have since arrested a woman for animal cruelty after they claimed she locked the dog on her roof.

Rescue workers found Candela was malnourished and ill and immediately transferred her to a veterinary clinic where she was treated.

She is now slowly recovering in the care of a shelter in the town while she waits for a family to adopt her.

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**NEWS EXTRA**

**Born in the USA**

AMERICAN expatriates across Spain will today (Thursday) celebrate Thanksgiving, the traditional feast which typically includes roast turkey, sweet potato casserole and winter veg topped off with pumpkin pie.

**River rage**

**LEFT WING** political group Izquierda Unida has called on provincial and regional authorities to better protect the mouth of the Velez River claiming that it has been abandoned and left to fill with rubbish.

**€3.4m boost**

MALAGA City Council will invest €3.4m in sports facilities, such as football fields and running tracks, as part of their scheme to make sustainable financial investments in the city's neighbourhoods.

# War of words

## Shock over x-rated language

A VELEZ-MALAGA politician has been called the 'councillor for s\*\*t' by one of her colleagues.

Zoila Martin, councillor for Culture, said her party is not investigating after she was insulted by Francisco Medina, head of municipal policy, in a group WhatsApp message.

The PSOE party member apparently told Councillor Martin, "I have had it up to my b\*\*s with your bulls\*\*t. She said after the insult she "left the WhatsApp group, as other colleagues also left," but explained she was surprised the message had been leaked.

The party's deputy secretary, Jose Luis Ruiz Carmona, said his party was not taking any further action, explaining, "it was not said with malice intent," adding, "it has been taken out of context. They have not posted all the content. It was a private group

conversation, the fault lies with whoever has leaked it."

Francisco Medina has defended his comments saying the insult was said in the heat of the moment and had been taken out of context, although he conceded he was not proud of the message.

Opposition party, Partido Popular (PP) has leapt on the



Photo credit: Ayuntamiento de Velez/Wikimedia

**SHE'S CURSED: Velez-Malaga Town Hall and (inset) Zoila Martin.**

controversy, however, calling Medina to resign and condemning him for "sexist behaviour and lack of respect."

**Pest outbreak now in check**

RINCON DE LA VICTORIA'S health centre was closed for two days after its emergency room was riddled with cockroaches.

The site is now open again after workers found a nest hidden in the room's false ceiling, causing cockroaches to frequent the centre for months. The Malaga Health District ordered the building to be closed while work was undertaken to remove the nest and disinfect the site.

The centre, which opened in 2012, has six health staff and two ambulances. Juan Jose Bravo, a delegate from the Malaga Nursing Union, condemned the action, saying, "if they have had to close it is because previous treatments have not worked and this is also an indication that no work of this type has been carried out in recent years." He added, "in La Cala del Moral there should be another emergency team."

Over the summer, patients complained of an outbreak of the insects throughout the centre and mainly in its emergency room. The centre has since apologised to residents.

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# Spate of robberies

AVOCADOS are being stolen in large numbers after their price increased to more than €3 a kilo. One farmer told police almost €1,000 kilos of avocados had been stolen from his farm in Torrox. Farmers in Velez-Malaga have also reported thefts of the crop.

## Heavy metal

NERJA Council is negotiating with a vehicle owner to remove heavy machinery left in a nearby natural park since 2000. Around 30 vehicles were abandoned in the Sierras Tejeda, Almijara and Alhama and have been waiting to be scrapped ever since.

## Eco beach

VELEZ-MALAGA'S Lagos beach has for the second-year running been honoured for its environmentally friendly credentials. The Ecoplayas flag can now be hoisted above the beach, as well as in Hornillo de Almayate, Torre del Mar, Caleta de Velez, Benajarafe and Chilches, placing the town fourth in the national ranking for the award.

## Equal rights

THE Department for Social Services and Equality in Velez-Malaga has worked with the Andalusian Rainbow Federation to preach a message of tolerance in the town's schools. Students at the IES Miraya were given classes on subjects including homophobia, transphobia and LGTBI rights, which are a 'priority' according to a council official.

## Coast road

THE Provincial Council has put aside €1 million to create a 4.5 kilometre coastal path in Torrox. The money will be transferred before the end of the year to connect two existing coast roads in El

## SPANISH FACTS OF LIFE...38

Spain is home to some of Europe's most endangered animals, such as the Iberian Lynx which is now on the brink of extinction.

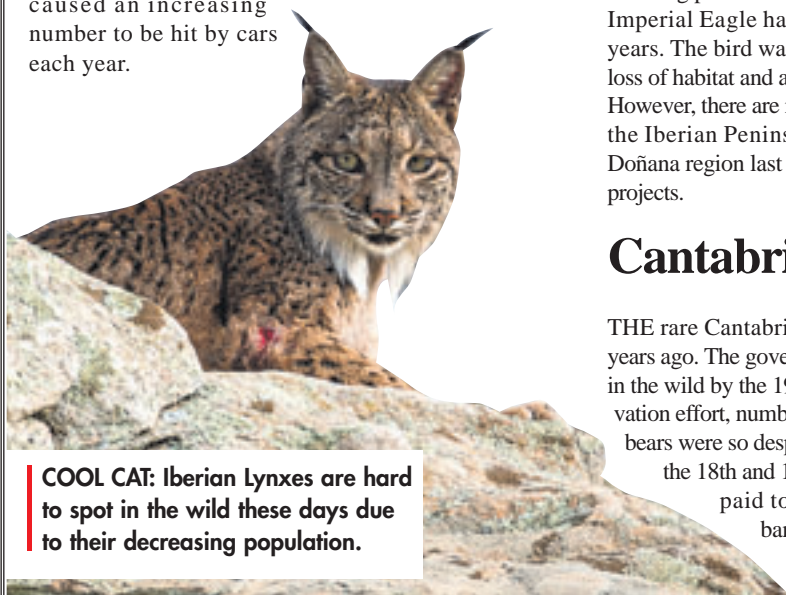
# Fantastic beasts

THERE are more than 150 animal species in danger of extinction in Spain, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment. Overdevelopment of rural areas and coastal zones are blamed for destroying habitats and putting the lives of many species at risk. The environmental group Ecologists in Action warned that Spain has the most fragile biodiversity in Europe and has urged the government to tackle the destruction of habitats and protect the country's creatures. Some endangered wild animals worth keeping an eye out for include:

## Iberian Lynx

REGARDED as the world's most endangered wild cat, there are fears that the Iberian Lynx may soon disappear for good. Recognised by its heavily spotted coat, long legs and short tail, this species of lynx is under peril because of a number of different threats. The lynx was once regarded as a hunting trophy, and was valued for its fur and meat. Although it became illegal to hunt them in the early 1970s, the cats are still victims of traps and snares set for other animals.

The Iberian Lynx's diet was severely impacted when the rabbit population was struck by a series of epidemics. It has also been affected by the development of roads and motorways, which has caused an increasing number to be hit by cars each year.



**COOL CAT:** Iberian Lynxes are hard to spot in the wild these days due to their decreasing population.



**ON THE RISE:** Spanish Imperial Eagle numbers are soaring once more.

## Spanish Imperial Eagle

ONCE in immediate danger of extinction, with only 30 breeding pairs recorded in Spain in the 1960s, the Spanish Imperial Eagle has grown in population size in recent years. The bird was threatened by the decline in rabbits, loss of habitat and a high number of collisions with pylons. However, there are now an estimated 500 breeding pairs on the Iberian Peninsula, with 15 chicks born in Cadiz's Doñana region last year alone, due to several conservation projects.

## Cantabrian Brown bear

THE rare Cantabrian Brown bear was nearly extinct 40 years ago. The government estimates that only six were left in the wild by the 1980s but, thanks to a significant conservation effort, numbers are now back up to around 200. The bears were so despised by farmers for destroying crops in the 18th and 19th centuries that hunters were actually paid to kill them. Hunting was eventually banned in 1968 and the bears became officially protected in 1973.

Morche and Torrox.

## Pooling ideas

ALCAUCIN'S mayor has suggested banning the use of drinking

water to fill swimming pools. Mario Blancke made the proposal explaining more than two million litres of water a month can be used for the purpose in the municipality.

**122**

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- 2 Flights between UK and Spain likely to be hit as French air traffic controllers strike again - **13,431**
- 3 Ryanair launch new UK to Spain route with cheap flight offers - **6,567**
- 4 Brit issues warning after being robbed in broad daylight in Costa Blanca - **4,981**
- 5 easyJet offers Black Friday deals for thousands of flights from today - **3,774**



**FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS:**  
 More misery for travellers.

## euroweeklynews.com Poll of the week

**Amid air pollution fears in Spain, should cars be banned from city centres?**

**LAST WEEK'S POLL:**  
 Should Spain follow Thailand's example and ban smoking on its beaches?

**Yes = 74%**  
**No = 26%**

## Top Social Media comments

**Southern Spain heading to driest November in decades** - It's bad and desperate for farmers. They are the ones who have water restrictions. Stupid stupid. All towns and cities should be... WE do not water 24hrs a day. *Lydia Taylor*  
 When we arrived in 1986 water cuts and we had a restaurant to run. The area wasn't as populated as it is now. *Stan Butt*  
 Wish we could swap weather. Raining in the UK. *Barbara Clements*

**British Airways passengers to board aircraft by ticket price** - Well when I was daft enough to use this airline, the idea was that first class and business class got on last and off first so you spent less time on the plane. However as they are such a rubbish airline anyway they will copy the likes of Ryanair. *Christine Hanslip*  
 Wonder which idiot thought up this PR triumph? *Rod Allcock*

**Off-duty police officer tested positive for cocaine after death crash** - I believe the policeman already had a few previous b4 this accident so I think jail will be right way. *Juan Gomez Banderas*  
 Shocking and shameful... especially if the Guardia Civil knew about him - they are supposed to set a

good example!!!! What a joke. *Moira Palmqvist*  
**Tourists warned of heightened risk of Christmas terror attacks in Europe** - Won't stop me going not worth worrying about... When it's your time it's your time. Until then I'm finding where they do those giant Yorkshire pudding wraps. *Matt Silver*  
 They're probably safer in Europe than in the good ol' gun-totin' US of A. *Patrick Murphy*

**Road to Spain's 'City of Dreams' are a nightmare claim residents** - Loved Ronda. Went there last month. Road wasn't too bad. *Debbie Tobin*  
 Drove it a couple times this summer. Drive wasn't too bad... just those crazy motorcycles who pass on a corner and cause near collisions. *Karen Ganzkow*  
 You should have seen it 30 years ago or more. That was scary! *Sandra Russell*

**Axarquía Council cat cull questioned** - Spay them. They'll keep the rodent population down and if they're all spayed they'll die out naturally etc. If others come into the area spay those as well. *Tracy-Ann Kitching*  
 Get them spayed, some places do this and then take a nick out of their ears to show they have been done. *Julie Clayton*  
 Spayed cat colonies benefit any area. *Lisa Emeny.*

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**Las Vegas casinos do not have clocks on display as the ploy is believed to make customers lose track of time and gamble for longer.**

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## Did you know?

**An estimated 90 per cent of the world's fresh water is in the Antarctic.**

## Lost in translation



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 "Danger ne pas arriver!"  
 "I am in danger, not to happen!"  
 "Ich bin in gefahr, nitch zu geschehen!"

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**OUR VIEW**

**Very many congratulations**

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Following their marriage which was broadcast over the radio to an estimated 200 million people worldwide, he continued to serve as a naval officer and was accompanied to postings by his new bride.

Much was made of the fact that the then Princess had to save ration coupons in order to purchase the cloth needed for her wedding dress which was designed by Norman Hartnell.

Now with the Queen aged 91 and Prince Philip 96 they have become the longest wed couple in the history of the British royal family.

From time to time, Prince Philip has been known to make the odd gaffe and admits that he knows that he is regarded by many as 'a cantankerous old sod.'

Regardless of his sometimes erratic behaviour, he is regarded as having been a tower of strength in his support of the Queen and we at *Euro Weekly News* congratulate them on the longevity of their union.

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**Fraud suspect jailed**

A WOMAN has been sentenced to a year in prison for filing a false complaint against a Nerja resident.

Rosa AGD, as she has been named, has also been ordered to pay a €2,700 fine and €5,150 in damages after a court found her guilty of lying about a theft to collect the insurance money.

The convicted told police she had had her purse stolen from a shop in Torre del Mar, and went as far as naming Juan Antonio Ortega, who was also in the store, leading to his wrongful arrest.

A court in Malaga found the woman guilty of lying about the crime, overturning an earlier acquittal.

The court found the woman had made four similar accusations between 2001 and 2005.



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## Chest a glimpse

SHE was once voted the 63rd sexiest woman alive.

And 33-year-old Spanish TV presenter Adriana Abenia caught the world's attention once again after flashing one of her breasts on the red carpet.

The wardrobe malfunction came as the stunner posed for photographers before the GQ Magazine Man of the Year Awards in Madrid.



Photo by: Adriana Abenia/Instagram

**WHOOPS!**  
Adriana Abenia.

Rocking a dangerously plunging neckline, the presenter looked horrified as one of the loose-fitting straps fell aside, exposing her chest.

Abenia later proved she has a sense of humour though, taking to Instagram to laugh at the incident. Posting a photo of the embarrassing moment, she captioned the before-and-after photo: "I had another photo ready, but since this one is going to accompany me all my life... here you have it!"

**TOTAL ANGEL:**  
Blanca Padilla.



Photo credit Blanca Padilla/Instagram

## Heavenly creature

SHE'S the first Spanish model to appear in two Victoria's Secret Fashion Shows.

And Blanca Padilla, 22, took to social media to express her delight in the wake of this year's extravaganza in Shanghai, China.

After sporting a giant pair of golden wings on the runway during the lingerie brand's flagship event she wrote: "If you ask me what my dream outfit would look like I can assure you it'd look a lot like this!"



Photo credit David Bisbal/Instagram

**PECS FACTOR:**  
David Bisbal.

## Sun's out, guns out!

HE'S the Spanish singer who rose to fame after finishing second on a reality TV show.

But David Bisbal, 38, really brought his A-game after displaying his rock hard torso on social media.

The platinum-selling artist received around 9,000 likes from swooning followers within hours of posting the raunchy snap.

The shot, taken in his home province of Almeria, was captioned "from the coast of

Almeria to the coast of Acapulco," with the singer currently on a tour of South America.

Since finding fame on the Spanish talent contest Operacion Triunfo in 2002, the crooner has gone on to sell more than five million records worldwide with hits including Esclavo de sus Besos and Oye el Bloom.

His current round of live shows will take him to Santiago de Chile, Uruguay's capital Montevideo, and Buenos Aires in Argentina.

## Strictly pals

SHE'S the former Emmerdale star wowing the Strictly Come Dancing audience with her sultry moves.

And Gemma Atkinson, 33, has hinted romance with Spanish professional dancer Gorka Marquez, 27, might be on the cards "once the series is over."

The Iberian hunk is partnering singer Alexandra Burke, 29, and hit back at claims he and Gemma are dating.



Photo credit BBC

**WAITING GAME:**  
Gemma Atkinson.

## Fine Ale acclaim

SPANISH pop legend Alejandro Sanz basked in the limelight after being honoured as Person of the Year at the Latin Grammy Awards.

A series of stars from the world of Latin music lined up to perform some of the 48-year-old's greatest hits at the glittering ceremony in Las Vegas.

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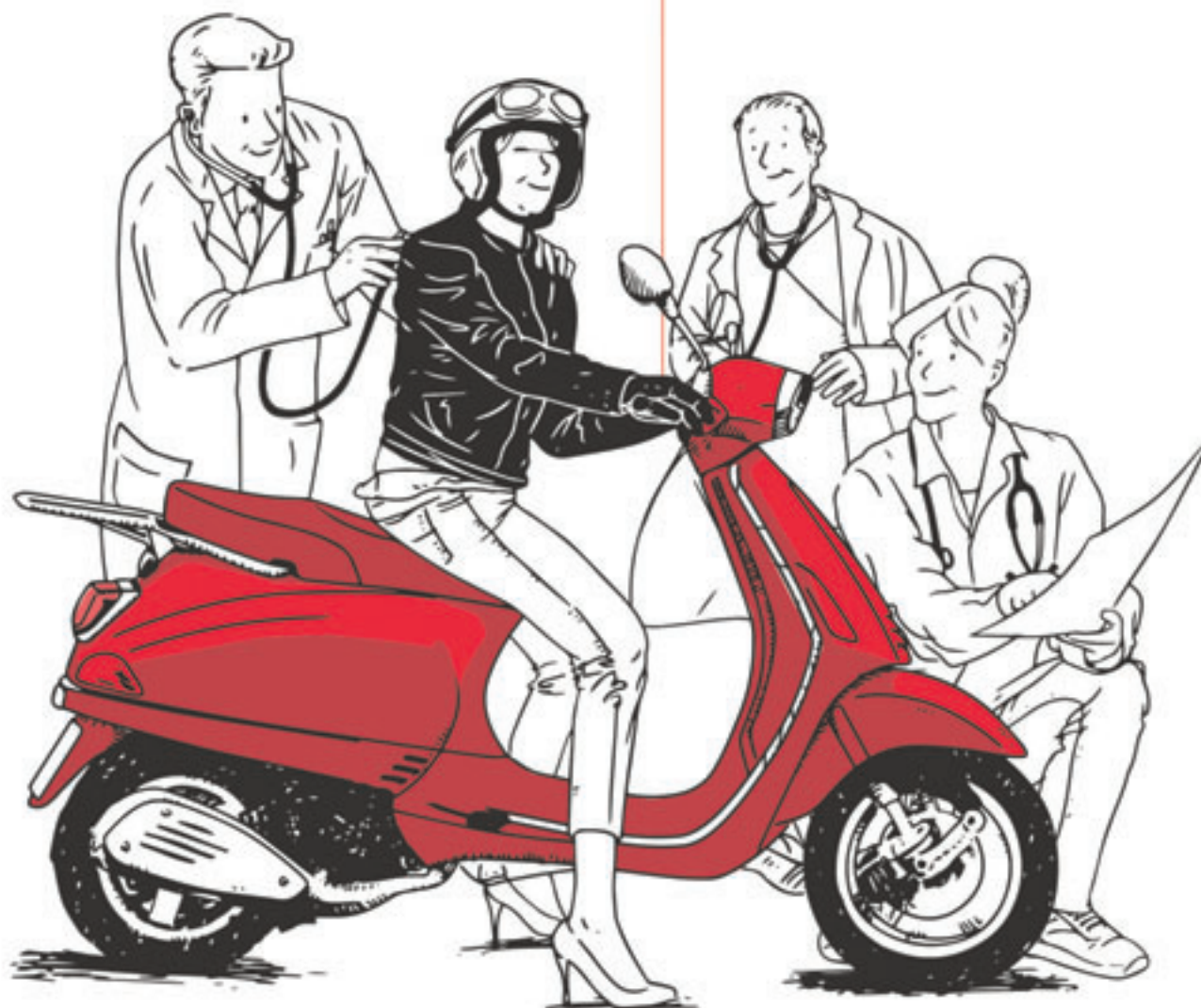
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# Soup's you!

LA HERRADURA is preparing to celebrate its second Puchero de la Abuela (Grandma's soup) event.

A dozen bars and restaurants will participate in the contest from December 6 to 9 with the aim of "boosting La Herradura's hospitality sector," according to Juan Jose Ruiz Joya, the deputy mayor.

The event is divided into two sections, with participants able to try a variety of stews and casseroles, as well as voting for the best puchero. Votes can also be cast for most original puchero and best service.

Participants will be able to use a specially-made 'passport' from the town hall to vote for their favourites. Anyone visiting three or more establishments can get involved, gaining the chance to win a Nikon L340 camera, a wine package, dinner for



LIQUID LUNCH: La Herradura and (inset) Puchero de la Abuela.

two at Mercado or two dive sessions at the marine centre.

Passports can be submitted until 1.30pm on December 11 and the awards ceremony, for both participants and establishments will be held on December 18, at 6pm at the Civic Centre.

Juan Jose Ruiz Joya explained the participating bars and restaurants will be

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SCANDAL: Sayalonga and (inset) ex-mayor Jose Luis Navas.

# Ex-mayor convicted over building licence

A FORMER mayor has been disqualified from office after being found guilty of granting a building li-

cence to his wife.

Jose Luis Navas, mayor of Sayalonga between 1995 and 2009, cannot stand for election for seven years and has been fined €2,160 over the controversy.

Navas resigned after he was first convicted, before his conviction was quashed on appeal. A Malaga court has now found him guilty once again.

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A judge found the former mayor granted his wife a licence to build a 390 square metre house close to the town in 2003 despite 'unfavourable' architect reports.

The court ruled the mayor also neglected to obtain a mandatory report from the Junta de Andalucia and the building was completed in 2005.

Initially sentenced to one year in prison and a nine-year ban on running for office, Navas maintains his innocence. The 53-year-old told one publication the property "has access to all services," and is built on the same plot as "10 other properties," adding, "a modification of the subsidiary rules was processed and all are legal."

He claimed "it was because a neighbour complained. None of the others have been denounced or ordered to be demolished." He explained he does not want to stand for election again, saying, "I left disenchanted with politics."





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**MODELS:** Ann, Frances, Irene, Joan, Katherine, Marion, Sharon and Sue with Gloria, Carolyn, Pili and Julie.

RECENTLY Lux Mundi, Torre del Mar held their Autumn Fashion Show at the Centre which was organised by Carolyn, aided by Julie. On arrival, 97 international friends were greeted with a free drink after which they were shown 55 new and nearly new outfits and accessories. The outfits were modelled by nine international friends of the centre. The show was compared

## Strike a pose

by Carolyn Bowen.

Due to the success of the event, Lux Mundi is already planning their spring/summer show, which will take place in May.

The Lux Mundi Ecumenical Centre

can be found on Avenida Moscatel 1, (Jardines Viña Málaga/Antigua Casa de la Viña). Open Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm and 3pm to 6pm. Call: 952 543 334, email: luxmundi@luxmundi.org or www.lux-mundi.org.

## RBL Nerja holds annual Poppy Ball

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION'S Nerja branch recently celebrated their annual Poppy Ball.

This year as with last, the Nerja branch joined with the Los Romanes branch, and 136 people attended. Music was supplied by Barry Marx and the Juke Box Bandits and the fact that the dance floor was full is testimony to their music and the atmosphere in the room.

It was a really fun evening and through the great raffle, and tickets, raised over €700. This will all go to this year's Poppy Appeal with the hope that it will take the branch's contribution to €10,000 again this year.

The British Legion will put that to good use in their work for service and ex-servicemen and women and their families and would particularly like to thank all who donated raffle prizes, namely La Galeria Nerja, Thai Pass Torrox, Silks Tor-



**PACKED:** More than 130 guests attended the annual Poppy Ball.

rox, Rebecca Curtis Well-being Centre Torrox, Keith's Barbers Torrox, Jan and Dave O'Neale, Eileen Ashdown, Dave and Dorothy Allen and Trevor and Judith Breach.

On Sunday Nov 12, the branch commemorated the fallen at a Remembrance Day service at the Al Andalus hotel and almost 200 people attended.

This year, the theme was remembering the fallen but also looking to the future and hop-

ing for peace. Contributions were made by Eleanor O'Neill, Ian Mortimer and Dave Graves.

Afterwards about 110 people attended the luncheon at the Caves Restaurant.

To anyone who is reading this and is interested in joining the RBL, contact Vera, 952 967 200, email: ozzybaldwin@yahoo.co.uk or Dave 654 085 811, email: dgdeepblue@gmail.com.

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# Phoenix Xmas events

GET into the Christmas spirit and join the Phoenix Club on their upcoming festive events:

**Christmas Shopping Trip to Gibraltar:** The Phoenix Club is off on their next shopping trip to Gibraltar on Friday December 1 and a few seats are still available. There will be pickups at the A1 Garden Centre, Torre del Mar bus station and at Algarrobo Lidl at 8.30am. Due to visa restrictions on entering Gibraltar, please advise if you are a non-EU citizen when you book. Passports are essential.

Price: €12 per person (includes a €1 tip for the driver).

**Christmas Fayre:** Christmas is coming and preparations are in hand for The Phoenix Club's Christmas Fayre at La Vega Bar Restaurant. They are taking orders for Christmas cakes made with real butter and Mary's home-made mince pies. If you would like to book a place to sell your own wares, call Tim on 689 509 677.

The fair is on Tuesday December 5 at Bar La Vega at 12pm.

**Christmas shopping trip to Nevada Shopping Centre, Granada:** The Phoenix Club is off to explore this huge centre

on December 8. Pickup from Algarrobo Lidl at 8.30am and return from Granada at 4.30pm. Price: €14.50 per person.

**Malaga Christmas lights trip:** Join the Phoenix Club to view the fabulous lights of Malaga City on December 20. Pickup from Algarrobo Lidl at 6pm and return from Malaga at 11.30pm.

Price: €7 per person.

For more information on any trips or events call Gail on 951 067 723, email [phoenixsocialclub@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:phoenixsocialclub@yahoo.co.uk) or visit the website: [www.phoenixsocialclub.co.uk](http://www.phoenixsocialclub.co.uk).

## From the depths of the past

THE Arts Society Nerja will be looking in depth at the most beautiful hidden images from the past during their next talk 'From the Depths of the Past: Rock Art from Sulawesi to Spain' with Helen Sijling.

Cave art was discovered at the end of the 19th and beginning of the 20th century, at exactly the same time as modern art was born.

Since then, many more caves have been dis-

covered around the world, from Spain to Sulawesi in Indonesia. Spain has seven World Heritage Sites with pre-historic cave art, including the oldest findings in Western Europe.

The talk will take place at the Cultural Centre on Calle Granada in Nerja on Tuesday at 6.00pm. Price for visitors is €10.

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Dubbed the 'gateway to Europe' by drug cartels, is Spain doing

# Cocaine nights and days

*With more than 20 tons of cocaine seized in Spain last year, it is time to talk about the white stuff. David Noon takes a deeper look into the nation's coke habit to find out where it is coming from, where it is going and most importantly, what is being done to stop it.*

**I**F in Spain and after cocaine, you shouldn't find it too hard to come by.

While the sea ports in the north and south see more than 20 tons seized each year, a whole lot more slips through the net and seeps into the country and on to the wider continent.

Known as the drug trafficker's gateway to Europe, Spain sees more coke shipped onto its shores than any other country in Europe.

And while not all of it stays in Spain, locals have undoubtedly developed a taste for the drug.

In fact, Spaniards are the second-highest consumers of the white stuff in Europe.

With 9.1 per cent of Spaniards (aged 15 - 65) openly admitting to taking cocaine at one time or another they sit just behind the Brits (9.7 per cent) in terms of consumption, according to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA) of fiscal 2017 European Drug Report.

In terms of world consumption, Spaniards are fifth, while the Brits are one place higher, with Albania topping the charts just ahead of the Scots, according to the latest information on the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime website.

Surprisingly Colombians are down in 34th, as while they are the number one manufacturer of cocaine they ship most of what they make.

While Spain ranks high, the country is (slowly) tackling the problem.

Between 2005 and 2013, daily cocaine use in Spain dropped 37 per cent and demand fell for recovering addicts.

Nowadays, only 1 per cent of the nation's population are regular users, however a delegate for the government's drug prevention unit (the GDNPD), Francisco Babín, believes more can still be done. "For a long time, we topped the tables for cocaine use and although we are now in second place [in Europe], we

**Brits held in one of Spain's largest ever cocaine busts  
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can't be complacent," he says. "For instance, the EMCDDA's Statistical Bulletin shows Spain still has the highest score for the 'prevalence [of use] in the last month category. It's pretty worrying, although consumption has dropped in the last decade," adds Babín. "Cocaine was in the spotlight for a long time because there was an epidemic," he says.

"However, its prevalence and the consequences of use of the drug have led the GDNPD to suggest we are on the brink of a second epidemic."

When you think of drugs and Spain, you automatically think of happy-go-lucky holidaymakers revelling in haunts renowned as party towns.

The likes of Ibiza, Puerto Banus and Magaluf have a reputation - like it, or not - for being party zones where the good times flow and drugs are available on tap. And while a fair amount of the white stuff may be consumed in Spain's tourist-filled party resorts, that is just the tip of the iceberg. In reality, cocaine is consumed up and down the length and breadth of the country.

And while it may be prevalent on the dance-floors it is at the country's ports where the drug begins its journey across the Iberian peninsula.

Every week, jaw-dropping seizures of amounts of coke are made at ports from Algeciras in the south to Vigo in the Galician heartland.

Earlier this month, more than a ton of cocaine bound for Algeciras was intercepted in Germany on its way from Colombia.

With a street value of €75 million, the interception was just the latest example of the Drug

## Ramsay's cocaine nightmares

IT is hardly the natural follow-on from his successful 'Kitchen Nightmares' show.

Swapping the kitchen for the jungle, foul-mouthed celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay launched into getting to the bottom of Europe's drug problem.

He was driven to take on a topic close to his heart after a 'dear friend' lost his life to cocaine addiction, paying particular attention to the cocaine culture which apparently is rife within the catering trade.

Claiming that he has been offered coke by customers, seen chefs taking it on the job, Ramsay even claimed to have been asked to sprinkle cocaine on top of a soufflé by celebrity clients.



**IN THE JUNGLE:**  
Gordon Ramsay.

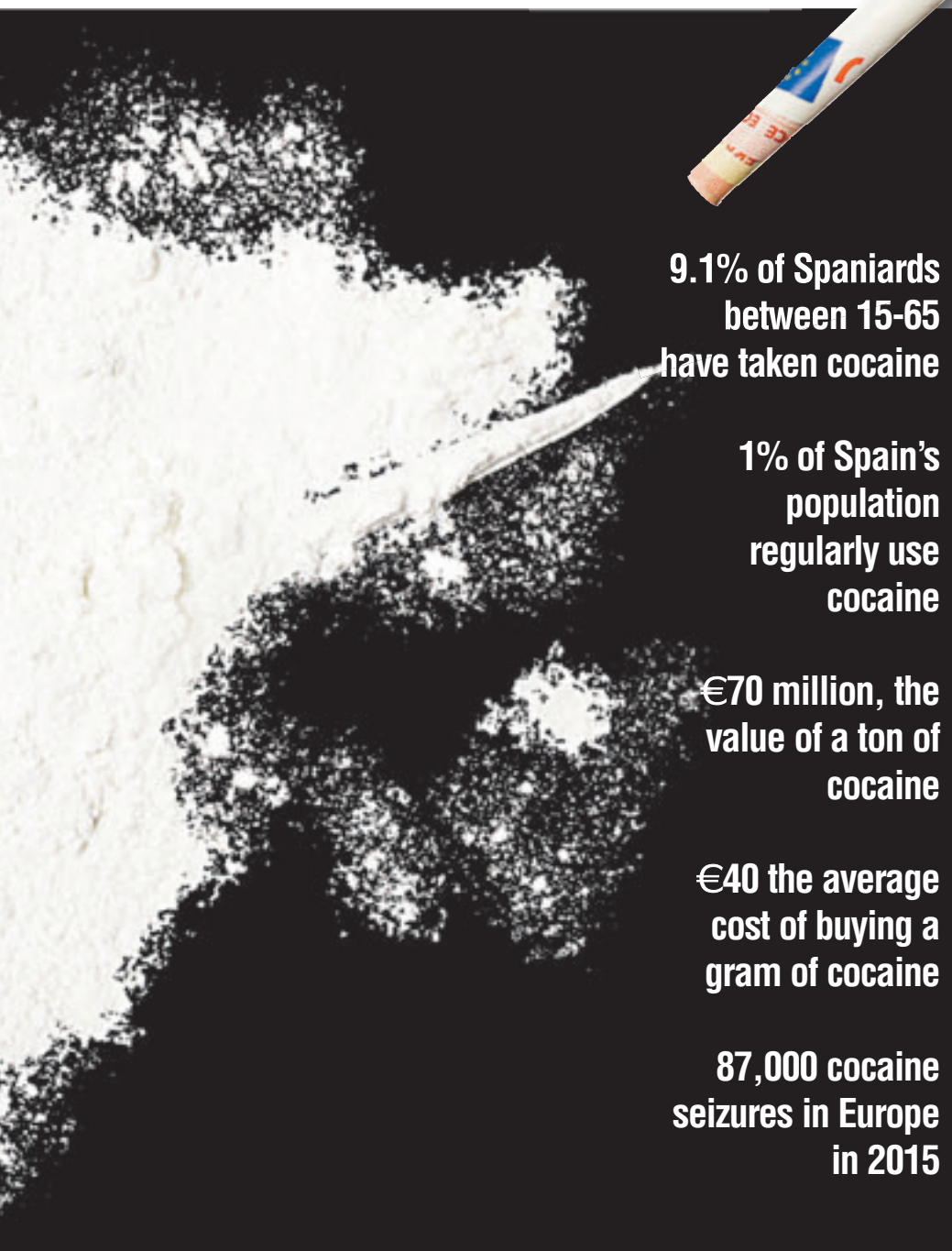


**CORRUPTION:** Galician leader with known drug lord

**Ship loaded with €220 million cocaine haul halted on way to Spain  
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# enough to tackle its problem?



**9.1% of Spaniards between 15-65 have taken cocaine**

**1% of Spain's population regularly use cocaine**

**€70 million, the value of a ton of cocaine**

**€40 the average cost of buying a gram of cocaine**

**87,000 cocaine seizures in Europe in 2015**

SAY what you will about drug smugglers, their creativity cannot be denied. The days of lining suitcases with cocaine are long gone as gangs come up with ingenious ways to transport their product. Here are some of the most surreal drug busts disguised on Spain's shores.



**FRUIT CASES: Coke hidden in bananas.**

## Surreal smuggles

**GOING BANANAS**  
In March the Guardia Civil intercepted 17 kilos of cocaine inside banana skins. Hidden inside cardboard boxes on their way to Malaga and Valencia, 57 simulated resin bananas containing cocaine were hidden among real bananas. It resulted in the arrest of two men; a Spaniard and an Italian.

**ORANGE ALERT**  
Just last month, two containers of Brazilian oranges were seized at the port of Algeciras. Hidden among the fruit were 250

camouflaged packages of cocaine, died orange to avoid detection. Police recovered 290 kilograms of cocaine and were able to link it to a South American supplier.

**NUTS!**  
They may be dubbed a 'super food' but one batch of almonds had a secret ingredient stashed inside its container. Delivered to a plant in Alicante in September, police seized around 200 kilos of cocaine hidden beneath the nuts. Shipped from California the Guardia Civil are hoping to

use the seizure as part of a wider investigation.

**MORE NUTS!**  
It is not just Spain's ports that receive hidden drug packages, the airports confiscate their fair share of suspect items too. In June, 48 kilos of liquid cocaine was found inside a coconut at Madrid airport, hidden among 65 boxes of coconuts from Colombia. The coconut had been drained and refilled, with the seizure leading to two Colombian men and a Venezuelan woman being arrested.

Enforcement Agency (DEA), in the US, working with respective bodies around Europe to prevent the South American product from entering Europe.

And yet, while seizing a ton of cocaine is not to be sniffed at (excuse the pun), far more is getting into the country than is being intercepted.

In 2015 more than 60 per cent of all drug seizures in the European Union were reported by just three countries; Spain, France and the United Kingdom.

Spain alone accounted for 70 per cent of all cannabis resin coming into Europe, the majority of seizures taking place in the ports along the south coast with the product shipping in from Morocco. And when it comes to cocaine, Spain again tops the charts when it comes to seizures.

In total, around 87,000 seizures of cocaine were reported in the European Union in 2015. Together, Belgium, Spain, France, Italy and Portugal account for 78 per cent of the estimated 69.4 tons seized.

The situation has remained relatively stable for the last 10 years, although both the number of seizures and the quantity held increased between 2014 and 2015 by around 3 per cent.

While Spain continues to be the country seizing the most cocaine (22 tons), Belgium (17 tons) and France (11 tons) also held large amounts in 2015.

So why is Spain such a popular destination for



**LOCKED UP: Robert Dawes.**

**Colombian cocaine cartel smashed by Spanish police MARCH 2017**

smugglers looking for a way into Europe?

Up north in Galicia, the ports are renowned as the gateway to Europe in terms of drugs entering from South America.

The Galician Mafia - a collective term for the numerous clans (mainly Galician, some British) that reside in the area - set up strong connections to the narco-traffickers in Colombia during the 1980s and '90s, as well as establishing strong ties to cannabis smugglers in Morocco. And like anywhere in Spain, where there is crime there is corruption.

Allegations of political corruption arose when pictures were found of Galician leader Alberto Núñez Feijóo on holiday with convicted smuggler Marcial Dorado.

The People's Party of Galicia has also been accused of being financed with narco money.

And some local politicians, including Alfredo Bea Gondar (mayor of O Grove 1983 - 1991) and José Ramón Barral Martínez 'Nene' (mayor of Ribadumia 1983 - 2001) have been sentenced for crimes relating to drug gangs in the past.

Meanwhile, in the south, along the Costa del Sol, the Costa Blanca and Costa de la Luz as well as on Spain's islands the expat gangs - be it Russians, Brits or Irish - have long set up camp.

Barely a week goes by without a report of an expat

drug gang being split up.

In December 2015 it was the turn of British drug lord Robert Dawes, whose multi-million euro cocaine-fuelled empire came crashing down when the Guardia Civil stormed his home in Benalmadena in dramatic fashion. Dubbed 'Europe's biggest drug lord' Dawes, originally from Nottingham, was extradited to France where he faced charges of transporting a ton of cocaine.

He is also wanted by the police in the Netherlands in connection to a number of murders.

Earlier this year, a British drugs gang was again rumbled on Spanish soil. Accused of flooding the Balearic Islands with cocaine and supplying holiday-makers with their fix, 12 Brits from Manchester and Liverpool were arrested in a raid in Mallorca.

The gang reportedly shipped their product around Spain's islands using speedboats to capitalise on the summer surge in demand from young holidaymakers. No doubt there will be more tales of expat - and local - gangs busted for dealing enormous amounts of cocaine.

The unfortunate reality is, that while the demand remains high and the supplies keep coming, dealers will continue to operate.

Where one drug lord falls, another steps into his shoes.



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## Damages awarded

A JUDGE has awarded €1.6 billion in damages to the Spanish state after a probe into the 2002 Prestige oil spill.

The regional court in A Coruña, Galicia, also handed €1.8 million to Galician authorities and €61 million to France, with the captain of the ship and a British insurance firm among those fined.

The disaster saw 63,000 tonnes of oil leak into the sea, causing huge environmental damage across almost 3,000 kilometres of coastline in Spain, Portugal and France affected.

# Hotel mega deal

A MERGER could see Spain's biggest hotel group created.

It comes as Madrid-based NH Hotel Group confirmed a possible multi-billion Euro takeover bid by rival company Grupo Barcelo.

NH, which operates nearly 400 hotels in 31 nations, has an estimated value of €1.75 billion.

Privately owned Barcelo - headquartered in Mallorca and with over 230 hotels in 21 countries on its portfolio - would own a 60 per cent stake and assume a board majority in the merged group, NH said in a statement to the

By Matt Ford

Spanish stock exchange.

And with predicted annual revenues of around €3.7 billion, the new alliance is forecast to become Spain's largest hotel group ahead of Melia Hotels, which at the end of 2016 controlled 375 hotels with 96,369 rooms.

But NH has reportedly received the offer with a degree of scepticism after confirming receipt of 'an unsolicited, preliminary and non-binding interest' from Barcelo.

The firm also said that its board of

directors has recently approved a three-year strategic plan "with an independent, fast-growth project that remains valid today."

The statement added that should this position change, an announcement to the stock market would follow.

NH last year voted to remove a co-chairman and three board members appointed by its largest shareholder, Chinese conglomerate HNA.

The sackings came amid allegations of a conflict of interest after HNA took over the Carlston-Rezidor Hotel Group.

## Bank to pay former chief

SPANISH banking group Santander has agreed to pay a former chief executive more than €590 million.

It comes as Santander Consumer USA (Scusa), the company's sub-prime auto-lending subsidiary, moves to forget its underperforming history.

Thomas Dundon, 46, was a co-founder of Drive Financial, a motoring finance company that Santander acquired in 2006 and later rebranded.

He stepped down as CEO in 2015, with the exit package for severance and his near 10 per cent stake in the firm, stating that he will not compete with or hire anyone from Scusa until 2019.

### Quote of the Week

Neither the business nor the education sector in Spain have collaborated sufficiently." Gas Natural board member Francisco Belil discusses the need for educational reform amid concerns over high youth unemployment.



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UP FOR GRABS: Football rights and (inset) Javier Tebas.

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## Air we go

IRISH budget airline, Ryanair has opened a state of the art digital and IT innovation hub in Madrid. It is the carrier's third such centre after Dublin and Wroclaw (Poland) and is expected to create around 250 jobs, with 50 positions already filled.

## On the tiles

SCOTTISH industrial group, Victoria Carpets has acquired Keraben, a tiles manufacturer based in Castellon. The deal is worth €274 million and comes three years after the Spanish company was bought by US investment fund, Tensile Capital Management.

## Out of gas

SPANISH utilities firm Gas Natural Fenosa has sold a 59.1 per cent stake it held in Colombian retail distribution company Gas Natural SA ESP. The shares have been snapped up by Canadian asset management specialist Brookfield Infrastructure for €482 million.

# Online giants to stream football?

AMAZON and Facebook are likely to enter the bidding for Spanish football streaming rights.

The tech giants have both expressed an interest in attending the next round of talks for deals, set to be awarded for the 2019-2022 seasons and expected to be worth an eye-watering €2.3 billion per season.

Spanish league president, Javier Tebas confirmed the pair have been in contact at a press conference in which he said: "We will listen to everybody."

The rights are expected to be sold in early 2018 and Tebas added that the league is looking to ramp up the price compared to the last three year deal which covers 2016-2019 and generates €1.6 billion per season.

"I think we're going to reach €2.3 billion... that's the goal I'm proposing.

"There will be TV operators who tell me that I'm like a goat, well they told me that four years ago and I wasn't wrong then," the official added.

# Shoe fits for US brand's expansion

US footwear firm, Deckers has big plans for the Spanish market.

The news comes as the company, which also owns UGG, Teva and Sanuk, struck a distribution deal with Dr Martens' Spanish partner Comercial Udra.

The agreement will see its Hoka One One running shoes, which retail at around €150 per pair, sold in 400 stores across the country and effectively doubling the brand's reach.

Deckers closed the 2016 financial year with a turnover of €1.6 billion.



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Barclays	188.58	3.58	1.94	31,532.23
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Barratt Developments	632.25	5.25	0.84	6,347.55
Berkeley Group Holdings	3,750.50	-3.50	-0.09	5,083.49
British Land Co	619.75	-4.25	-0.68	6,268.46
BHP Billiton	1,360.75	-2.75	-0.20	28,798.10
Bunzl	2,198.00	39.00	1.81	7,252.35
BP	492.98	-0.12	-0.02	97,670.46
Burberry Group	1,753.50	4.50	0.26	7,469.68
BT Group	246.18	0.78	0.32	24,338.23
Coca-Cola HBC	2,448.50	-1.50	-0.06	8,955.50
Carnival	4,958.50	21.50	0.44	10,438.45
Centrica	161.35	-1.85	-1.13	9,132.15
Compass Group	1,596.50	-1.50	-0.09	25,272.91
Croda International	4,307.00	37.00	0.87	5,610.47
CRH	2,733.50	33.50	1.24	22,644.02
ConvaTec Group	200.85	-4.55	-2.22	4,009.10
DCC	7,187.50	67.50	0.95	6,350.83
Diageo	2,592.00	17.00	0.66	64,338.77
Direct Line Insurance Group	355.20	-0.40	-0.11	4,889.50
Experian	1,559.50	1.50	0.10	14,416.27
easyJet	1,277.50	-3.50	-0.27	5,088.24
Ferguson	5,327.50	62.50	1.19	13,212.19
Fresnillo	1,285.50	-10.50	-0.81	9,550.14
G4S	258.85	1.45	0.56	3,993.80
GKN	302.15	-0.35	-0.12	5,195.37
Glencore	358.90	5.45	1.54	50,878.21
GlaxoSmithKline	1,313.50	5.50	0.42	64,336.36
Hargreaves Lansdown	1,595.50	18.50	1.17	7,480.01
Hammerson	526.75	-6.75	-1.27	4,231.86
HSBC Holdings	728.95	-2.65	-0.36	146,127.12
Inter. Consolidated Airlines G.	599.75	1.75	0.29	12,257.10
Inter Continental Hotels G.	4,314.50	48.50	1.14	8,104.98
3i Group	915.25	-8.25	-0.89	8,984.41
Imperial Brands	3,023.25	-25.75	-0.84	29,113.40
Informa	733.75	0.75	0.10	6,039.96
Intertek Group	5,407.50	92.50	1.74	8,577.91
ITV	148.55	-1.95	-1.30	6,058.24
Johnson Matthey	3,275.00	14.00	0.43	6,311.13
Kingfisher	304.45	-2.85	-0.93	6,659.11
Land Securities Group	930.25	-2.25	-0.24	6,913.90

COMPANY	PRICE(P)	CHANGE(P)	% CHG.	NET VOL
Legal & General Group	266.95	-1.95	-0.73	16,021.57
Lloyds Banking Group ORD	66.16	0.17	0.26	47,487.55
London Stock Exchange G.	3,808.50	-37.50	-0.98	13,334.92
Micro Focus International	2,700.50	3.50	0.13	11,738.35
Mediclinic International	542.25	-13.25	-2.39	4,095.39
Merlin Entertainments	373.65	-3.35	-0.89	3,843.79
Marks & Spencer Group	301.15	-0.25	-0.08	4,896.97
Mondi	1,752.50	9.50	0.55	8,463.20
Morrison (Wm) Supermarkets	210.05	0.65	0.31	4,931.80
National Grid	880.35	-2.45	-0.28	29,929.26
NMC Health	2,721.50	21.50	0.80	5,515.71
Next	4,384.50	80.50	1.87	6,291.43
Old Mutual Group	190.85	0.15	0.08	9,406.30
Paddy Power Betfair	8,692.50	-87.50	-1.00	7,411.21
Prudential	1,885.75	-3.75	-0.20	48,860.46
Persimmon	2,679.50	3.50	0.13	8,258.92
Pearson	694.75	-2.75	-0.39	5,655.13
Reckitt Benckiser Group	6,370.50	-22.50	-0.35	44,979.64
Royal Bank of Scotland G.	274.05	-0.35	-0.13	32,824.39
Royal Dutch Shell	2,338.75	1.25	0.05	106,225.69
Royal Dutch Shell	2,382.75	9.75	0.41	88,880.40
RELX	1,763.50	18.50	1.06	18,570.49
Rio Tinto	3,549.00	3.00	0.08	48,187.01
Rolls-Royce Group	898.75	9.75	1.10	16,362.85
Randgold Resources	7,070.00	-5.00	-0.07	6,655.69
RSA Insurance Group	606.75	-2.25	-0.37	6,228.50
Rentokil Initial	326.85	4.05	1.25	5,930.91
Sainsbury (J)	224.85	-2.75	-1.21	4,984.79
Schroders	3,500.50	3.50	0.10	7,904.00
Sage Group	768.75	9.75	1.28	8,206.59
Segro	557.25	-0.75	-0.13	5,596.32
Shire	3,575.50	-103.00	-2.80	33,424.29
Smurfit Kappa Group	2,291.00	-8.00	-0.35	5,445.08
Sky	954.25	14.25	1.52	16,158.76
Standard Life Aberdeen	423.45	0.95	0.22	12,579.42
Smiths Group	1,505.50	10.50	0.70	5,915.61
Scottish Mortgage Inves. Trust	458.05	1.55	0.34	6,371.92
Smith & Nephew	1,323.50	-3.50	-0.26	11,606.58
SSE	1,331.50	-14.50	-1.08	13,720.40
Standard Chartered	724.40	-1.70	-0.23	23,932.51
St James's Place	1,156.50	1.50	0.13	6,110.70
Severn Trent	2,083.50	-8.50	-0.41	4,942.63
Tesco	187.18	2.48	1.34	15,127.13
TUI AG	1,328.50	5.50	0.42	7,766.52
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Unilever	4,208.75	58.75	1.42	51,343.10
United Utilities Group	787.25	-10.75	-1.35	5,441.47
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COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE%	CHANGE	VOLUME(M)
3M	231.49	0.93%	2.13	137,883,28
AMERICAN EXPRESS	93.95	0.28%	0.26	81,582,97
APPLE	169.98	-0.10%	-0.17	872,987,07
BOEING CO	264.63	0.90%	2.37	157,786,62
CATERPILLAR	136.91	0.57%	0.78	81,517,80
CHEVRON	114.72	0.01%	0.01	218,409,01
CISCO SYSTEMS	36.5	1.67%	0.6	182,351,97
COCA-COLA	45.46	-0.55%	-0.25	194,158,61
DOWDUPONT	70.85	0.16%	0.11	166,069,11
EXXON MOBIL	80.55	0.39%	0.31	341,426,01
GENERAL ELECTRIC	17.98	-1.26%	-0.23	156,270,97
GOLDMAN SACHS	238.13	0.05%	0.11	89,887,11
HOME DEPOT	170.45	1.62%	2.71	200,988,40
IBM	150.51	1.03%	1.54	139,896,34
INTEL CORP	44.62	-0.02%	-0.01	209,810,35
J.P.MORGAN CHASE	99.01	0.89%	0.87	343,641,62
JOHNSON & JOHNSON	137.93	-0.05%	-0.07	370,793,50
MC DONALD'S CORP	166.93	0.13%	0.21	133,335,67
MERCK AND CO. NEW	54.1	-1.99%	-1.1	147,243,82
MICROSOFT	82.53	0.16%	0.13	634,934,48
NIKE	59.25	0.10%	0.06	77,016,41
PFIZER	35.35	-0.06%	-0.02	211,038,84
PROCTER AND GAMBLE	88.27	-0.18%	-0.16	224,165,62
TRAVELERS CIES	129.77	-0.12%	-0.15	35,528,46
UNITED TECHNOLOGIE	116.38	-0.13%	-0.15	93,073,32
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP	210.25	0.17%	0.35	203,208,60
VERIZON COMMS	46.2	1.72%	0.78	188,629,26
VISA	109.95	0.12%	0.13	199,916,37
WAL-MART STORES	97.48	0.01%	0.01	290,370,94
WALT DISNEY CO	102.75	-0.67%	-0.69	159,017,13

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CLOSING PRICES NOVEMBER 20

COMPANY	PRICE	CHANGE NET / %
<b>Most Advanced</b>		
Diana Containerships Inc.	\$ 10.4454	2.2154 ▲ 26.92%
Xunlei Limited	\$ 18.08	2.88 ▲ 18.95%
Northern Technologies International Corp.	\$ 20.28	2.73 ▲ 15.56%
XOMA Corporation	\$ 25.93	3.03 ▲ 13.23%
Tactile Systems Technology, Inc.	\$ 29.35	3.37 ▲ 12.97%
AXT Inc	\$ 10.45	1.15 ▲ 12.37%
UTStarcom Holdings Corp	\$ 3.67	0.37 ▲ 11.21%
Hibbett Sports, Inc.	\$ 18.95	1.85 ▲ 10.82%
Accuray Incorporated	\$ 5.2438	0.4438 ▲ 9.25%
Avid Technology, Inc.	\$ 6.45	0.53 ▲ 8.95%
Ablynx NV	\$ 23	1.86 ▲ 8.80%
<b>Most Declined</b>		
Bioerativ Inc.	\$ 51.29	4.82 ▼ 8.59%
Enphase Energy, Inc.	\$ 2.5322	0.2378 ▼ 8.58%
Century Aluminum Company	\$ 13.87	1.27 ▼ 8.39%
Prothena Corporation plc	\$ 47.62	4.31 ▼ 8.30%
CarGurus, Inc.	\$ 28.36	2.46 ▼ 7.98%
TRACON Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	\$ 2.531	0.219 ▼ 7.96%
Mitcham Industries, Inc.	\$ 3.61	0.30 ▼ 7.67%
Spero Therapeutics, Inc.	\$ 13.40	1.09 ▼ 7.52%
Chimerix, Inc.	\$ 4.28	0.31 ▼ 6.75%
Surgery Partners, Inc.	\$ 7.80	0.55 ▼ 6.59%
Forterra, Inc.	\$ 8.36	0.58 ▼ 6.49%

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 Multi Asset Balanced B GBP  
 Multi Asset Balanced B EUR  
 Multi Asset Growth B GBP  
 Multi Asset Growth B EUR

DEALING PRICE

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 £1.3202 ..... -£0.0154  
 €1.2171 ..... -€0.0145  
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# People power success

## THIS LITTLE PIG DIDN'T GO TO MARKET

A CONTROVERSIAL campaign to promote the consumption of pork was suspended in Madrid ahead of schedule according to animal rights activists.

With Jamon being such a staple of the Spanish diet and pork meat still being regularly eaten in different forms, organisers, Interporc thought that the Pork Lovers Tour would be an immediate success encouraging even greater consumption of the meat.

What they had not expected was the fact that cities such as Barcelona and Bilbao refused permission for them to park their tour bus in the centres and Madrid only allowed them at one shopping centre.

Where they did manage to stop, even for a few hours, animal rights activists turned up and picketed the bus, carrying placards decrying the intensive farms which often supply large amounts of meat to the market.

The activists under the banner of AnimaNaturalis clearly caused a great deal of embarrassment to the organisers and whilst the concept of the tour was to promote the pork industry, protestors carrying images of allegedly ill-treated animals didn't help.

In addition, the protestors explained to potential visitors that according to their research, pork meat was potentially one of the most hazardous meats to eat due to the fact that not only were factory farmed pigs fed large amounts of antibiotics but contained parasites which are not always killed during the cooking process.

"We do not know for sure if they have suspended the campaign but the truth is that not even their social networks announce their routes," explained Lucio Kacic, coordinator of AnimaNaturalis in Madrid.

"They give the impression of not being very proud of what they are do-



**PROTESTORS: Is pork meat potentially hazardous?**

ing and it is very controversial to promote the consumption of pork meat when all studies and organisations like the WHO recommend reducing or eliminating their consumption," he added.

The organisation intends to picket any further promotions within Spain although according to Interporc, the tour has ended with stops at 28 different spots in Spain and the United Kingdom, attracting a total of 7,200 visitors.

## BANKIA PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO HAUNT THE ECONOMY

# Rodrigo Rato fraud charge

THE former head of Bankia, Rodrigo Rato who was previously found guilty for misuse of company credit cards is now to be tried for fraud.

A massive case has been approved by the courts in Madrid which will see Rato together with 30 former Bankia executives alongside Bankia itself and its parent company as well as international accountants, Deloitte and one of its employees, all being charged.

The case will hinge on alleged investor fraud as well as falsification of Bankia's 2010 and 2011 accounts which was undertaken in order to ensure that the newly formed bank could obtain a stock market listing.

Bankia was formed by the merger of seven regional savings banks and was headed by former government minister and head of the IMF, Rodrigo Rato but within one year of being launched on the stock exchange, the bank had to be rescued.

So devastating was the impending failure of Bankia that the entire Spanish banking sector was in danger of crashing leading to the government



**FRAUD CHARGES: Rodrigo Rato.**

having to raise €41 billion from foreign loans in order to support all of those banks caught up in what had become a major financial crisis.

Bankia is today the fourth largest bank in Spain but is effectively owned by the Spanish government. It is in the process of repaying tens of thousands of small, private investors who were persuaded to buy shares when they were launched due to the fake accounts and reports of prosperity.

The prosecutors in this case have

argued that as CEO of Bankia, Rato had to have known the true state of affairs of its finances and have called for a five year jail sentence if he is found guilty as charged.

He has already been sentenced to four years and six months imprisonment for his improper use of credit cards and personal expenses during his roles at Caja Madrid and then Bankia.

When he was questioned about the Bankia flotation during this first trial, he declared that all of the decisions concerning the placing of shares were made by the Spanish government which should accept all responsibility for the date of the launch and the subsequent need to support the bank.

The former IMF chairman who was expelled from the ruling Partido Popular in 2014 was found guilty in February 2017, immediately put in an appeal and has spent very little time in prison although he had to lodge large amounts of his personal fortune with the courts.

## Decision day over EMA base

THE race to take over the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and its 700 jobs from London originally saw Barcelona the clear favourite but not any more.

Recent events in Cataluña have meant that its capital was not awarded the prize of one of the current 38 European Union agencies scattered around Europe although Spain with five agencies, employing 1,400 is currently the EU leader.

The other loss for Britain following Brexit will be the European Banking Agency, although no Spanish city entered a bid to take over that operation, which currently employs 160 members of staff.

## Ministerial meeting to strengthen ties

A VISIT to Spain by Saudi Foreign Minister, Adel Al-Jubeir led to a meeting with his Spanish counterpart, Alfonso Dastis.

The pair confirmed that the visit was intended to deepen bilateral cooperative relations and they exchanged views on increasing bilateral cooperative relations in various areas.

At the meeting, the two ministers agreed to strengthen political dialogue and economic and trade relations.

Saudi Arabia is Spain's leading trading partner in the Near East, the second leading Arab investor in Spain and the second leading destination for Spanish investments in the Arab world.

Whilst there was agreement over financial matters, Spain was not happy with the Saudi backing of the civil war in Yemen. There was, however, accord over the fight against terrorism.







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**DEAD BUSINESS: Is your company one?**

## Beware of the Walking Dead

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THE production departments in film and TV companies have been promoting entertainment based on Zombies, however, less recognised but more important are eurozone zombie companies.

There are a number of definitions of such companies but they have generally been established for 10 years or more and have large debts on which they can pay the interest but are unlikely to ever be able to clear their indebtedness.

The number of such companies is growing thanks to low

interest rates and European Central Bank (ECB) financial support for countries such as Italy and Spain where it is estimated that as many as 10 per cent of all companies can be classified as Zombies.

There is a major fear now that as the ECB cuts back on support and interest rates increase, those technically dead but still animate companies run the risk of finally failing which in turn could increase unemployment and restrict economic growth.

## Plastic brick business sees profits breakdown

WHILST Lego has enjoyed regular profit increases over the years, the first half of 2017 has seen a downturn to just €455 million, a drop of 3 per cent.

Although not likely to make a major dent in the profit reduction, the Danish company has just opened its first dedicated store in Spain, in the La Vaguada Shopping Centre, Madrid.

The word Lego itself came from the Danish words 'leg godt' which means 'play well' but in a perfect example of happy coincidence, it was later discovered that in Latin the word Lego comes from the words 'to gather' and the owners had taken it to mean 'put together'.

Originally founded as a producer of

wooden duck toys, it wasn't until 1949 that the company came up with the concept of producing plastic bricks and from this simple concept, a complex empire was created which has earned a fortune for the family which owns it.

Some astute decisions including the creation of theme parks, purchases of licences for movies like Star Wars and Harry Potter and most recently the launch of Lego-based films has seen it become the most financially successful toy company in the world.

Sales are down for the first time in a decade but time will tell whether this is a short term hiccup or if popularity of the plastic bricks is on the wane.

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# If it ain't broke, it don't need fixing...OK?

LEAPY LEE SAYS IT

OTHERS THINK IT



THE problem with the female 'libber' brigade is that their aspirations and 'causes' are almost exclusively in the hands of women who are in the public eye.

These women, by the very nature of their chosen paths and careers have more access to public pedestals and media outlets than the majority of the fair sex can ever, or often even want to become involved with. Consequently, we only ever hear the views of women who are, in the main, just as about as far removed from the normal female homemakers and domestic Mums as it is possible to be.

This creates the misapprehension that the majority of women are not happy with their lot and are all lusting after rebellion and change. I believe this is quite simply not the case. In my opinion the vast silent majority of ladies are perfectly happy and indeed extremely proud in their homespun, often sexy wife roles, and indeed why shouldn't they be?

As a single parent, I am totally aware of the responsibilities and sheer hard work it takes to organise a household and keep a happy loving family life running as smoothly as possible.



WOMEN'S LIB: Not speaking for all.

Ladies who choose this homelier and utterly commendable path are widely talented, needing to have the stamina of an athlete, the negotiating talents of a politician and be basically competent at everything from psychiatry to plumbing.

Quite frankly I consider the career orientated female libber of the species, are actually taking

the easy way out! (And don't tell me some do both. That precarious path NEVER works satisfactorily!) Many of the wives I have spoken to are a bit bewildered and often quite angry at the presumptuous few who take it on themselves to arrogantly give the impression that they speak for such large numbers of the fair sex.

The problem with libbers is that many simply want to take over the roles of men. Some of them would actually rather be men. Well, my message to them is that the creator of the human race made men and women physically and mentally different for a vast cross section of reasons. To encourage changing homo sapiens' life roles to a point when we see women working building sites and wielding sledgehammers and men rushing home from the shops to get the dinner and feed the baby, is arrogant, presumptuous and brainwashing to a point of criminality. So, my message to the often insecure, indecisive minority, who seek to change the nature of men and women, do wherever you think fit, and the best of luck.

But don't presume the majority of ladies are of the same mind, because they are not. Leave those who prefer a more conventional way of life to simply be happy in their chosen existence. After all it has kept the human race ticking over since the stone ages. If it ain't broke, it don't need fixing. OK? So, with my reinforced jock strap firmly in place and my eyes firmly placed in the back of my head, I bid you all a fond farewell for another seven.

Keep the faith

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3-2-1 is bulletproof: three backups of your data, on two different types of media, one of them off-site.

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Some are even 'just set and forget': tell it where to backup your data and when, click and hasta la vista baby: automatic backups daily, weekly, monthly into infinity and beyond.

Or you can be thoroughly modern and backup to the 'cloud' - but beyond a certain volume of data you'll pay, and you need seriously good broadband come the day you need it all back again.

## Every hard disk is guaranteed... to crash

Blessed are those who backup, for their data will be safe on the day of failure, says intrepid backer-upper TERENCE KENNEDY.

A MACHO colleague always insisted with a smirk that 'Real men don't backup.' Then he got hacked. Oops.

Sadder was the fate of two friends who lost their family photos forever, simply because their computer crashed.

Whether through exhaustion, a virus or an unplanned act of gravity, devices fail. They even have an official 'MTBF' (Mean Time Before Failure) which used to be advertised but now isn't because it might scare us.

Human MTBF is about 600,000 hours. You're doing well if your hard-disk manages even a 10th of that.

I'm constantly astonished at how many people never even think about

backing up their data. Probably because watching YouTube cat videos is more fun. But safe storage really is a doddle.

Step 1: Choose it so you don't lose it: 'consolidate' your documents, e-mails, photos, music and those priceless kitten videos somewhere you can easily locate them on your computer, eg a Documents folder (the default in most systems), E-mails, Photos, Music. Or Cats.

Step 2: Find something to backup to - a physical device like a USB memory stick, an old SD card or an external hard-drive. Not just somewhere else on your existing hard-drive or computer. That's like keeping your spare front-door key on your



BACKUPS: Practising safe storage.

keyring with the existing one.

These days you can pick up an external hard drive for €100 or so, or loads less for a USB flash drive if your needs are more modest.

Step 3: Backup, then backup your backup. Well, okay, that's only for the real pessimists, or the true professionals who insist that you can never have enough backups, with three as the absolute minimum.

It's the work of minutes, with any of the dozens of (free) back-up programs available online, or those built into your device's operating system.

Step 4: Store your backup somewhere safe. Not on or in your desk.

Not even, if you are truly anal, on the same premises.

Bitter techno-trauma and tears have moulded my own backup regime: my laptop data gets copied to an SD card as I create it, to a USB stick at the end of every working day, to an external hard drive at the end of every week, and to a second hard-drive kept off-premises every month.

Sadly, there's more. I also clone my entire hard-drive to an identical copy of itself every week so when the wotsit hits the ventilator I can be up and running again in the flash of a screwdriver. But the rest of you probably have lives to live.

TECH FOR THE TIMID



## Let's get on with life

Mike Senker

In my opinion

Views of a Grumpy Old Man



I LIKE to keep my eye on what's going on in the USA because, to be honest, at the moment, in my opinion, the place is currently coming across on TV like a bad soap opera.

This week I've been following a couple of news items in particular. One was about an American comedian and politician called Al Franken who was on a tour to entertain the US troops overseas.

There was a young lady in the show with him and during a rehearsal he kissed her and also a photo appeared of him looking at the camera laughing and appearing to touch her boobs through body armour whilst she was asleep. Now this is wrong and totally out of order - end of - no excuses.

The other story was about a baseball player called Yulieski Gurriel who was born in Cuba and who made a gesture to a Japanese pitcher after hitting a home run off one of his pitches. As he ran round he looked at him and used his fingers to stretch his eyes toward his ears and appeared to say a word in Spanish usually used to mock Asian people.

Now here's the thing. In both cases these gentlemen apologised unreservedly to the offended parties. The baseball player got a five game suspension and the comedian / politician may have a senate investigation.

Both injured parties have said 'apology accepted, now let's get on with life' and this is where things go a bit wonky. It has all become very political with groups calling for the baseball player to be sacked and banned.

Here's the deal folks - nobody is allowed to be more offended than the person that was the subject of the original offensive remark or action. If they say it's sorted then let it go.

They are adults and they have decided how to react to the comment or action directed at them. Donald Trump is tweeting and calling Al Franken Al Frankenstein demanding he be hung, drawn and quartered because he's a Democrat.

Meanwhile he's not saying a word about the Republican preacher politician, Roy Moore, who has been accused by at least 10 women of sexual assault. But what would you expect from the man that has over 20 accusations of sexual assault against him and a recording from 2005 telling Billy Bush how he treats women. How this man is still POTUS is beyond me.

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## LEGALLY SPEAKING

### Alcohol limits and penalties

WE answer some common driving questions, kindly provided by members of the Guardia Civil based in Torrevieja, Costa Blanca, who set up the N332 website and Facebook page to help break down barriers.



IT is often not realised that the maximum permitted alcohol limit in Spain is considerably lower than many other European countries, including the UK.

It is also worth noting that these limits are precisely that, a maximum that is permitted. Alcohol affects people differently and the only real safe limit is zero.

That said, in Spain the maximum legally

permitted alcohol limit is in general 0.25 mg/l (or 0.15 mg/l if you are a learner driver / professional drivers). If the amount of alcohol exceeds this limit, the driver will be heavily fined and lose several points from their licence.

In the event such amount of the breathalyzer exceeds 0.60 mg/l, the driver becomes subject to a criminal proceeding and will be arrested.

CONDUCTORES	LÍMITE EN SANGRE	LÍMITE EN AIRE ESPIRADO
(1) GENERAL	0'3 gr/l	0'25 mg/l
(2) PROFESIONALES	0'3 gr/l	0'15 mg/l
(3) NOVATAS	0'3 gr/l	0'15 mg/l

### The fines

Professional / novice drivers - 0,15-0,30mg/l - €500 + 4 points, from 0,30mg/l - €1,000 + 6 points. Other drivers - 0,25-0,50mg/l - €500 + 4 points, from 0,50mg/l - €1,000 + 6 points.

A blood test is only available when you have finished the alcohol test and you disagree with the result. Refusal to co-operate is also considered a criminal offence.

For more news and articles visit [www.n332.es](http://www.n332.es) or search N332 on Facebook.

### Can only Agenda items be voted?

**Q.** Is it correct that Spanish community AGMs do not have an official section for Any Other Business, that they have instead a sort of Questions period at the end of the meeting? Is it correct that anything in this section is not an Agenda item, and so cannot be the subject of a proposal, resolution or vote? Items must be on the Agenda to be voted in the meeting? Can items not on the Agenda be put in the Minutes?

R M (email)

**A.** Article 19 of the Law of Horizontal Property regulates the official Book of Minutes. The minutes must give the time and place of the AGM. They should list the names of all in attendance or by proxy, with

David Searl

You and the Law in Spain



their quotas, and it must contain the Agenda. The book must record the results of the

votes on Agenda items and it may need to list the names and quotas of those who voted for or against a proposal. Any other matters can certainly be recorded in the Minutes, but it is not a legal requirement.

Send your questions for David Searl through lawyers Ubeda-Retana & Associates in Fuengirola at [Ask@lawtaxpain.com](mailto:Ask@lawtaxpain.com), or call 952 667 090.

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## Women's wit

Life's short. Anything could happen, and it usually does, so there is no point sitting around thinking about all the ifs, ands and buts."

*Amy Winehouse, Singer*



## Famous quote

Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

*Dr Seuss, Author*

## World of English

Understatement - makes an idea less important than it really is - The hurricane disrupted traffic.

## MADDOCKS' VIEW ON LIFE



' ANTONIO - WOULD YOU RECOGNISE A CRASHED CHINESE SPACE STATION? '

# YOUR STARS

## FOR NEXT 7 DAYS

**AQUARIUS**  
(January 21 - February 19)

The pleasure you will get from helping in the home this week should not be underestimated. What you have been thinking of as a chore turns out to be a great ball of fun. Youngsters may be involved at the weekend, so plan ahead to give them a festive surprise.

**PISCES**  
(February 20 - March 20)

Your relationships to others linked to the home environment are going well. Aim to build on that this week because the chance to make a real change to your surroundings opens up. Comfort is top of your agenda and the continuing sales give scope. Restlessness can be channelled into an energetic response when others seek help. Taking on a small charitable task makes you smile and brings satisfaction.

**LEO**  
(July 24 - August 23)

Keep energy levels high by being at the hub of any social activities. Accept all invitations, however dull you feel that they may turn out and allow yourself to be surprised. Continue with any check-ups on your health, eating sensibly if you overindulged during the holiday. There is no better time to make that special effort.

**VIRGO**  
(August 24 - September 23)

As you have decided to rearrange both your business and home life, it is a busy time, indeed. You enjoy a challenge so it will not worry you that other people have different ideas. Although you are not inclined to listen to silly whims, some things crop up time and again and have to be dealt with at some point.

**ARIES**  
(March 21 - April 20)

Your mind is as sharp as a razor this week, so woe betide anyone who tries to trick you. It's a great time to use your talents fully, particularly in regard to a business venture. It is possible that your strengths are a little unrecognised so don't be afraid to try something entirely new. A strong urge to take control keeps others on their toes.

**LIBRA**  
(September 24 - October 23)

Concentrating on hearth and home gives you great satisfaction. As a born home-maker, you relish the idea of making something beautiful. This week it may be possible to show more of your skills when someone seeks your advice. You could end up helping with appearances.

**TAURUS**  
(April 21 - May 21)

This week is mainly concerned with financial matters, and it is easy to both save and make extra money. Keep your energy levels high by making the most of chances to exercise and get out in the fresh air.

**SCORPIO**  
(October 24 - November 22)

Making a new start is not always the exciting thing that people imagine. When there are still old matters to be resolved, it takes the edge off the pleasure. It may be worth cooling off a new relationship until your social life is more settled. An urge to move around could be caused by your not facing a problem straight on.

**GEMINI**  
(May 22 - June 21)

The repayment of a favour should see you with extra money in your pocket. Holding on to it is your best bet.

Trying to change someone close is so obviously not going to work that it is surprising you tried for so long.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
(November 23 - December 21)

Get both business and personal plans sorted out in the coming week. Thereafter, changes to your routine may be necessary, which is disruptive. The best-laid plans can need adjustment, so don't beat yourself up over that.

**CANCER**  
(June 22 - July 23)

A social gathering turns up an old friend who makes an offer. Although you may feel unworthy, please be reminded of the times in the past when you have given them support. It will be through others that real progress will be made.

**CAPRICORN**  
(December 22 - January 20)

Someone close has ideas about how things should be at home this Christmas. Although you wish to show an interest, and should, they may be more 'hands on' than you. Do whatever your talents allow to help because this will not be forgotten.

# Spanish theme parks

TOP 5

SPAIN has some of Europe's best water and theme parks; here are just five of our favourites.

### • Parque Warner, Madrid

As soon as you enter Parque Warner, visitors young and old are immediately transported to their childhood. Parque Warner is perfect for families, who can meet all of their Warner Brothers' heroes, but the rest of the family can also enjoy a number of rides, attractions and shows.

### • Siam Park, Tenerife

One of Europe's biggest water parks, Siam Park has a number of attractions across the park. Whether sunbathing on giant white-sand beaches or the Wave Palace for the family or the famous Tower of Power ride, which has an almost vertical drop of eight metres, there is something for everyone.

### • PortAventura World, Tarragona

One of Europe's leading theme parks, the theme park has six different worlds full of rides and daring shows but PortAventura World also has the PortAventura Caribe



Christmas will officially begin at Parque Warner from December 2

Aquatic Park on offer, with water rides for all ages as well as the world's brand new feature, Ferrari Land.

### • Isla Magica, Sevilla

This park is divided into to seven 'worlds' full of fun and adventure. Visitors can travel back in time to 16th century Sevilla, with maidens and merchants, but can also witness the future with the park's Cinemocion virtual simulator.

### • Terra Natura, Alicante and Murcia

Terra Natura is a new generation of animal park, surrounding the 'zoo immersion' concept in which visitors can observe and make contact with animals in spaces designed to recreate the habitat of each of the species through barriers otherwise invisible to humans. Terra Natura Murcia houses more than 300 animals from 50 species, while the Benidorm park has more than 1,500 animals.

UK NATIONAL LOTTERY	IRISH LOTTO	EURO MILLIONS		LA PRIMITIVA	EL GORDO DE LA PRIMITIVA
Saturday November 18	Saturday November 18	Tuesday November 14	Friday November 17	Saturday November 18	Sunday November 19
(1) (20)	(15) (17)	(14) (16)	(20) (26)	(3) (7)	(9) (11)
(24) (36)	(21) (24)	(39) (40)	(35) (36)	(12) (29)	(12) (36)
(54) (58)	(28) (36)	(41)	(42)	(31) (44)	(53)
<b>BONUS BALL</b>	<b>BONUS BALL</b>	<b>LUCKY STARS</b>	<b>LUCKY STARS</b>	<b>REINTEGRO</b>	<b>REINTEGRO</b>
(11)	(33)	(8) (10)	(5) (12)	(46) (5)	(9)

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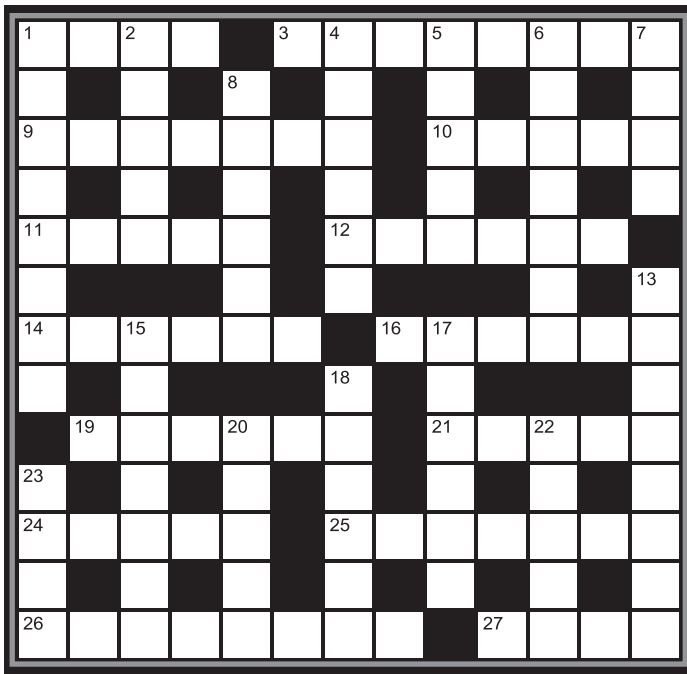
Cryptic

Across

- 1 Luxuriant drinker (4)
- 3 Plant organised my appeal (3,5)
- 9 The root vegetable's a standard crop (7)
- 10 Publication for children (5)
- 11 Forbidden love in abandoned boat (5)
- 12 Wears down queen with poems (6)
- 14 Could start card game, it's cheap (6)
- 16 Withhold food from pop star vegetarian's diet (6)
- 19 Repeated words from Brahman tradition (6)
- 21 Al meets Jack at the table (5)
- 24 Fear some Territorial Army recruits (5)
- 25 For a change, respect the royal staff (7)
- 26 Dotty, Sue, Pearl, Joy (8)
- 27 Soundly study the plant (4)

Down

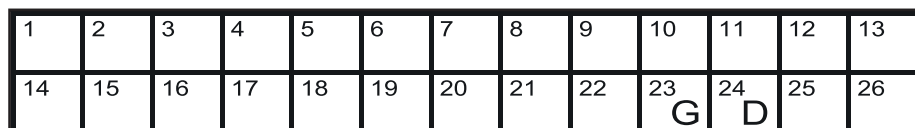
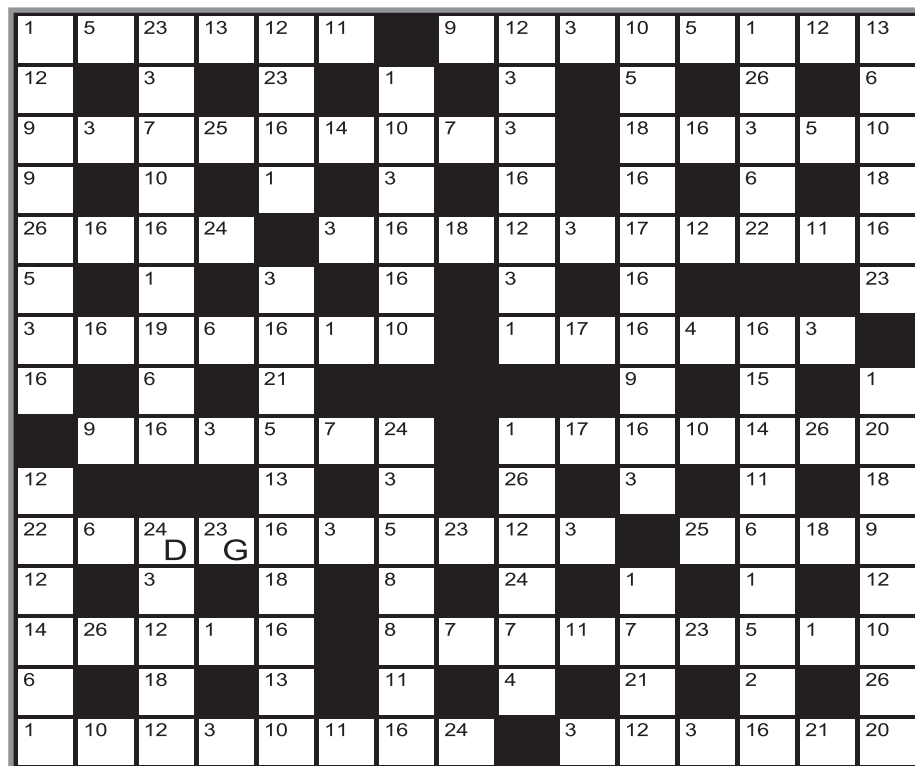
- 1 Make up building pick list (8)
- 2 Wash thoroughly inside disc rubber (5)
- 4 Fruit is the result of an afterthought plea (6)
- 5 Written about in blog, I'm another Spanish friend (5)
- 6 French chemist tears up design (7)
- 7 Good lookers get the favourable votes it's said (4)



- 8 Teach where the pupils are? (6)
- 13 Take care of confused brief at the end (8)
- 15 Unsuspecting, a French female hides a conflict (7)
- 17 Isle that includes central Kent, oddly enough (6)
- 18 Was confused in her cable (6)
- 20 The newspaper items are poorly written (5)
- 22 Bird with the French name (5)
- 23 Insect that used to be quiet (4)

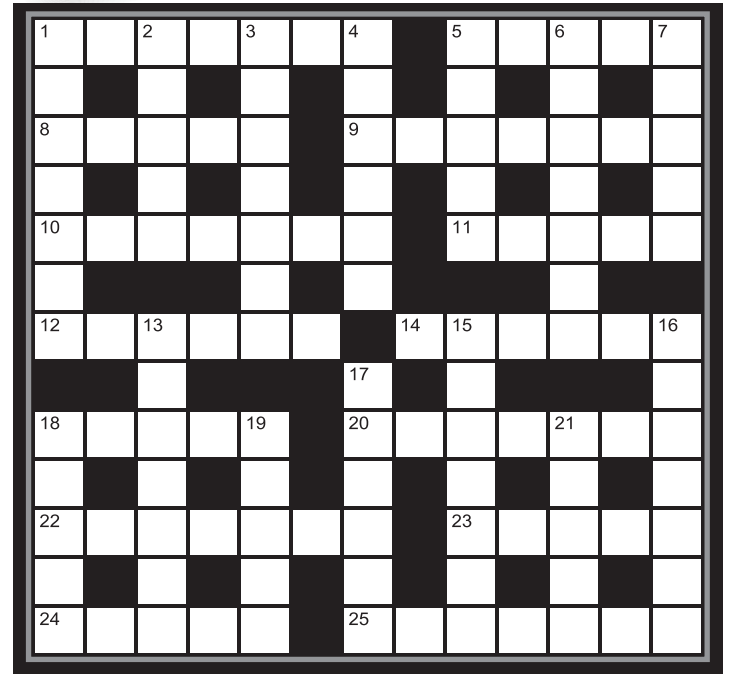
Code Breaker

Each number in the Code Breaker grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. In this week's puzzle, 23 represents G and 24 represents D, so fill in G every time the figure 23 appears and D every time the figure 24 appears. Now, using your knowledge of the English language, work out which letters should go in the missing squares. As you discover the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and the control grid.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION FACING PAGE

Quick



Across

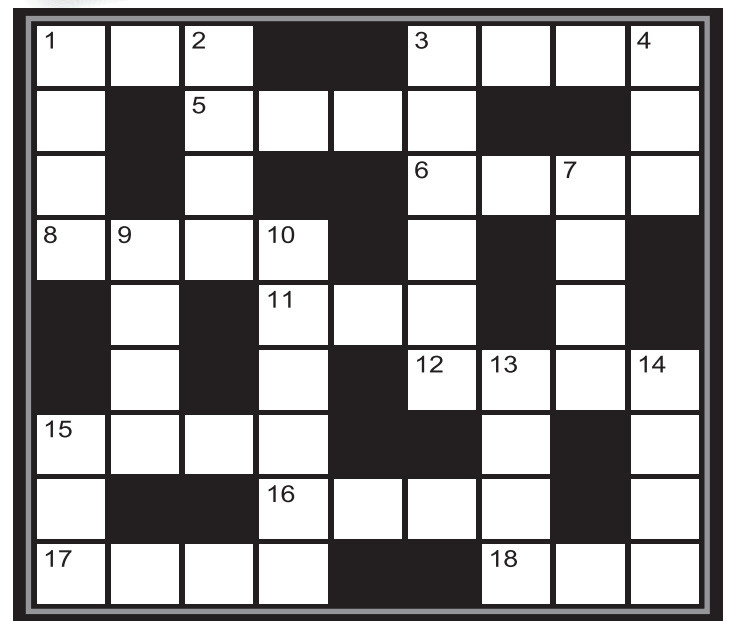
- 1 Hobby (7)
- 5 Flashy, ostentatious jewellery (5)
- 8 Devoutly religious (5)
- 9 Traveller's luggage (7)
- 10 Lean back (7)
- 11 Appears (5)
- 12 Feel pain (6)
- 14 Deep gorge or ravine (6)
- 18 Small carnivorous mammal of the weasel family (5)
- 20 Break into many pieces (7)
- 22 Building (7)
- 23 Be in accord (5)
- 24 Garment worn around the head, neck or shoulders for warmth or decoration (5)
- 25 Meet the requirements or expectations of (7)

Down

- 1 Ancient writing material (7)
- 2 Unemotional person (5)
- 3 Heighten or intensify (7)
- 4 Symbol device or badge (6)
- 5 Fraudulent (5)
- 6 Mental pictures (7)
- 7 Expect to be true (5)
- 13 State in southeastern US between the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico (7)
- 15 Refusing to be persuaded or to change one's mind (7)
- 16 Room in a house for children (7)
- 17 Evaluate (6)
- 18 Garden buildings (5)
- 19 Stealer (5)
- 21 Revolves (5)

English - Spanish

The clues are mixed, some clues are in Spanish and some are in English.



Across

- 1/4 Borrar (3,3)
- 3 Tail (of dog, bull, ox) (4)
- 5 This (4)
- 6 Blando (madera, droga, agua) (4)
- 8 Laugh (4)
- 11 Cama (3)
- 12 Classroom (4)

Down

- 15 Una vez (4)
- 16 Loyal (4)
- 17 Wave (4)
- 18 Sí (3)
- 1 To gnaw (4)
- 2 Abejas (4)
- 3 Pink (6)

4 See 1 Across

- 7 Caída (4)
- 9 Plancha (utensilio) (4)
- 10 Grandmother (6)
- 13 Feo (4)
- 14 Brazos (4)
- 15 Gold (metal, commodity, currency) (3)

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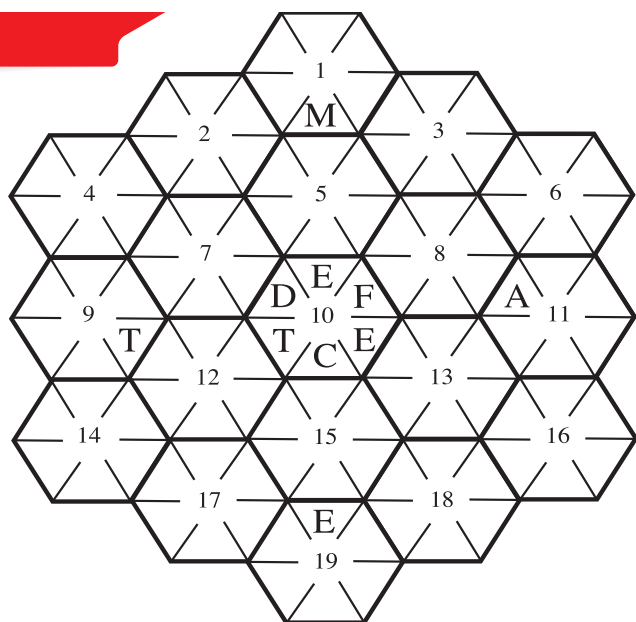
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## Hexagram

- ARREST
- ASTUTE
- BARFLY
- BOUNTY
- BREAST
- CHEESE
- DEFECT (10)
- DEPOSE
- ENDURE
- NIMBLE
- OXCART
- RANSOM
- SEAMEN
- SERIES
- SHERRY
- SUBTLY
- TEETER
- TRAUMA
- TREATY



The purpose of the Hexagram puzzle is to place the 19 six-letter words into the 19 cells. The letters at the edges of interlocking cells **MUST BE THE SAME**. The letters in the words must be written **CLOCKWISE**. The word in cell 10 (**DEFECT**) and one letter in four other cells are given as clues.

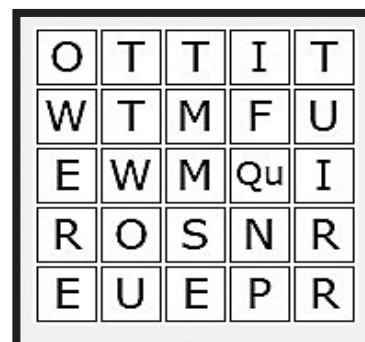
### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

- 1 Filter 2 Corral 3 Uptake 4 Relief
- 5 Repeat 6 Specie 7 Genial 8 Update
- 9 Invent 10 Gather 11 Strand 12 Stereo
- 13 Ethane 14 Unisex 15 Beetle
- 16 Teasel 17 Oblate 18 Chalet
- 19 Leaden.

## Boggled

How many English words can you find in the Boggled grid, according to the following rules?

- The letters must be adjoining in a 'chain'. They can be adjacent horizontally, vertically or diagonally.
- Words must contain at least four letters and may include singular and plural or other derived forms.
- No letter may be used more than once within a single word, unless it appears twice.
- No vulgarities or proper nouns are permitted.



### TARGET:

- Average: 15
- Good: 21
- Very good: 30
- Excellent: 39

### SCORING:

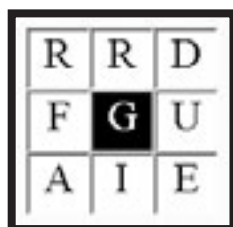
- 4 letters: 1 point
- 5 letters: 2 points
- 6 letters: 3 points
- 7 letters: 5 points
- 8 or more letters: 11 points

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

rete retire retinol retie eerie mitre  
mite miter mire mirier mime mimer  
pimp piny pier prim primp prime prier  
prey tree tern term tire tiny time  
timer tier trim trip trier Trey tref  
eremite fowl pony info rite rime rimy  
rive rein remit nitre niter mere merit  
merino empire emit emir vein veiny  
vert vermin fermi cert cere

## Nonagram

How many English words of four letters or more can you make from the nine letters in our Nonagram puzzle? Each letter may be used only once (unless the letter appears twice). Each word **MUST CONTAIN THE CENTRE LETTER** (in this case **G**) and there must be **AT LEAST ONE NINE LETTER WORD**. Plurals, vulgarities or proper nouns are not allowed.



### TARGET:

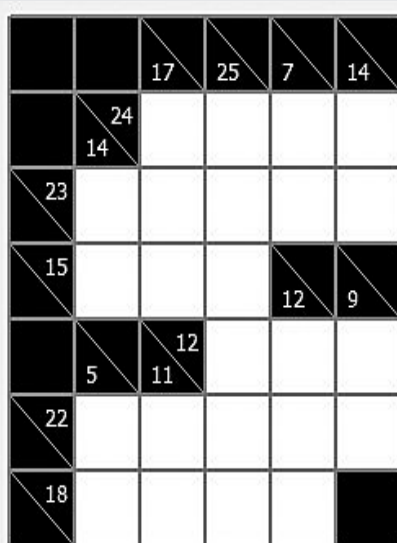
- Average: 9
- Good: 12
- Very good: 17
- Excellent: 22

### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

alit dale deal deli dial evil idle lade laid late lava lave  
lead leva lied lite live tael tail tala tale teal tile vail vale  
veal veil vela veld vial vile addle ailed alate alive avail  
dealt delta devil ideal idled laded lated laved lived tidal  
tilde tiled valet valid veldt vital alated detail dialed dilate  
laddie tailed alidade availed dilated validate VALIDATED

## Kakuro

Fill all the empty squares using the numbers 1 to 9, so that the sum of each horizontal block equals the 'clue' on its left, and the sum of each vertical block equals the clue on its top. No number may be used in the same block more than once.



### LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

### ENGLISH-SPANISH

#### Across:

- 1 Escarcha, 6 Egg, 7 Mayor,
- 9 Esos, 11 Caro, 12 Neat,
- 14 Foot, 16 Spots, 18 Ave,
- 19 Crystals.

#### Down:

- 1 Exercise, 2 Cogor, 3 Remo,
- 4 Hoy, 5 Brothers, 8 Asno,
- 10 Soft, 13 Etapa, 15 Osos,
- 17 Oir.

### CODE BREAKER

1	Y	2	B	3	H	4	M	5	X	6	Q	7	J	8	W	9	V	10	K	11	P	12	N	13	L
14	E	15	R	16	I	17	S	18	G	19	U	20	Z	21	C	22	F	23	D	24	O	25	A	26	T

### CRYPTIC

#### Across:

- 1 Casks, 4 Exploit, 8 Raiment, 9 Troll,
- 10 Indicate, 11 Grin, 13 Spells, 14 Padres,
- 17 Rest, 19 Decrepit, 22 Adage, 23 Entwine,
- 24 Suggest, 25 Exact.

#### Down:

- 1 Corgi, 2 Swindle, 3 Stencils, 4 Estate,
- 5 Path, 6 Odour, 7 Talents, 12 Magritte,
- 13 Streams, 15 Replica, 16 Bereft, 18 Slang,
- 20 Treat, 21 Bede.

### QUICK

#### Across:

- 1/23 Pipe down, 3 Solution, 9 Stipend,
- 10 Sushi, 11 Obese, 12 Attain, 14 Elapse,
- 16 Eczema, 19 Bistro, 21 Scare, 24 Otter,
- 25 Spaniel, 26 Narcotic, 27 Zero.

#### Down:

- 1 Pushover, 2 Poise, 4 Ordeal, 5 Upset,
- 6 Inspire, 7 Nail, 8 Recess, 13 Waterloo,
- 15 Aviator, 17 Casual, 18 Bonsai,
- 20 Torso, 22 Alike.

## App of the week



### Turn Right

From the creator of Thumb Fighter and Royal Cats, comes a simple racing game where the rules are simple, all you need to do is turn right. Just tap and hold right to turn to go around the track in this highly addictive game.



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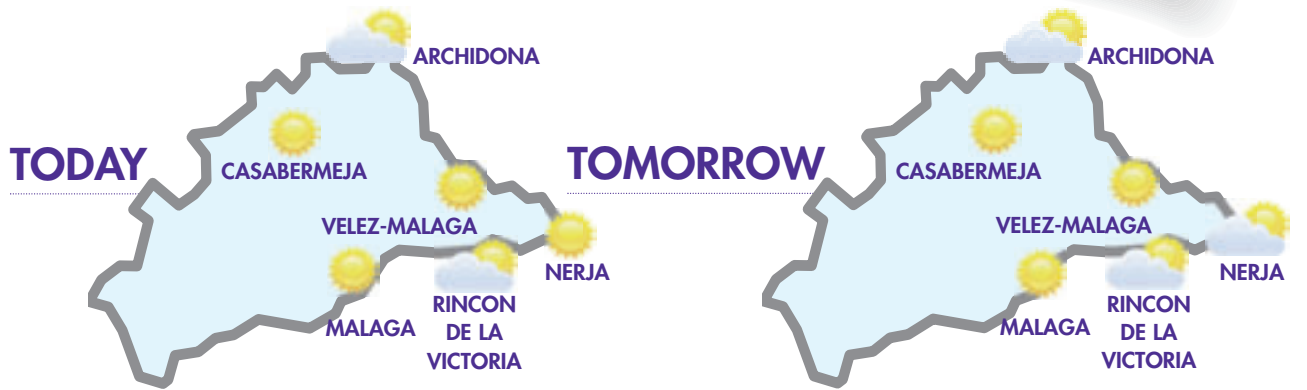
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Sat - 22 13 - Cl	Sat - 22 14 - C	Sat - 11 5 - Sh	Sat - 15 4 - C
Sun - 19 12 - Cl	Sun - 20 13 - C	Sun - 11 4 - C	Sun - 14 2 - C
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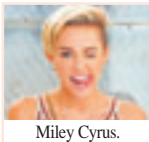
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S: Sun ☀ Cl: Clear ☁ C: Cloudy ☁ Sh: Showers ☔ Th: Thunder ⚡ Sn: Snow ❄

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**BIRTHDAYS**

• **Miley Cyrus, Singer, November 23, 25**



Miley Cyrus.

After shooting to fame as a child television star playing the title character in Disney's hit series Hannah Montana, Cyrus then went on to become an international pop star with hit songs such as *Party in the USA* and *Wrecking Ball*.

• **Katherine Heigl, Actress, November 24, 39**

The Actress gained fame for her role as Dr Izzie Stevens in *Grey's Anatomy*, and

earned a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Supporting Actress in 2007. She also starred in the 2007 comedy *Knocked Up* alongside Seth Rogen.

• **Christina Applegate, Actress, November 25, 46**

Comedy actress Applegate is known for her roles in films such as *Anchorman*, *Vacation*, *Hall Pass*, *Sweetest Thing* and *Just Visiting* and also starred as Kelly Brundy in television comedy *Married... with Children*.

• **Rita Ora, Singer, November 26, 27**

Singer, songwriter and actress whose debut album reached number one on the UK Billboard charts and included hit songs such as *Hot Right Now* and *How We Do*. She also played Mia Grey in the 2015 film *Fifty Shades of Grey*.

• **Bill Nye, TV Show Host, November 27, 62**

Known for hosting children's educational entertainment show *Bill Nye the Science Guy* from 1993 to 1998, Nye earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from Cornell University in 1977.

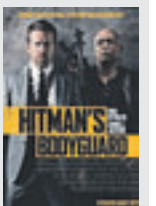
**Sierra Nevada SNOW REPORT**



No snow is expected this week but the ski resort is scheduled to open for the first time this season on Saturday. There is very little snow on the mountains apart from on the Borreguiles piste. Partly cloudy skies with highs of 11 degrees and lows of -2 with light winds are expected.

**DVD**

**A match made in heaven**



TRIPLE A rated bodyguard **Michael Bryce** (Ryan Reynolds) has his reputation left in tatters after the death of a distinguished

client. Two years after the incident Bryce is asked to escort renowned international assassin **Darius Kincaid** (Samuel L Jackson) from Manchester to Hague in order to testify in an Interpol court against a tyrannical Belarusian dictator.

In a race against the clock, the mismatched pair's trip is full of danger and unaccounted surprises in this bullet filled action comedy.

**Sudoku**

Fill the grid so that every row, every column and every 3X3 box contains the digits 1-9. There's no maths involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

**Word Ladder**

**HUNT**

Move from the start word (**HUNT**) to the end word (**RACE**) in the same number of steps as there are rungs on the Word Ladder. You must only change one letter at a time.

**RACE**

RACE  
RARE  
HARE  
HART  
HURT  
HUNT  
Solution

**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION**

9	2	6	7	3	1	5	8	4
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**Trivia Fact**

In 2000, Spain's Paralympic basketball team had to return their gold medals after nearly all of their players were found to have no disability.





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BBC one BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

7:00am Breakfast	7:30am Claimed and Shamed	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	7:20am King of Queens	8:20am Noddy: Toyland Detective
10:15am Claimed and Shamed	8:15am Royal Recipes	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>	8:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	8:35am Peppa Pig
11:00am Homes Under the Hammer	9:00am DIY SOS	8:30pm Great Continental Railway Journeys	9:35am Everybody Loves Raymond	8:45am Peppa Pig
12:00pm The Housing Enforcers	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	9:00pm SAS: Rogue Warriors	10:05am Frasier	8:55am Floogals
12:45pm The Sheriffs are Coming	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	10:00pm Horizon	10:35am Frasier	9:05am Digby Dragon
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	1:00pm The Daily Politics	11:00pm Britain's Greatest Pilot: The Extraordinary Story of Captain Winkle Brown	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen	9:20am Rusty Rivets
2:00pm BBC News at One	2:00pm The Link	12:00am Operation Jericho	12:00pm Undercover Boss USA	9:35am Shimmer and Shine
2:30pm BBC London News	2:45pm Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip	1:00am B is for Book	1:00pm Channel 4 News	9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
2:45pm Doctors	3:15pm Going Back	2:00am SAS: Rogue Warriors	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	10:05am Mofy
3:15pm Armchair Detectives	4:00pm WPC 56	3:00am Britain's Greatest Pilot: The Extraordinary Story of Captain Winkle Brown	2:05pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas	10:15am The Wright Stuff
4:00pm Escape to the Country	4:45pm Oxford Street Revealed	4:00am The Simpsons	3:10pm Countdown	12:25pm Access
4:45pm Royal Recipes	5:15pm Wartime Farm	7:30pm Hollyoaks	4:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	12:30pm Christmas in Homestead
5:30pm Flog It!	6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	8:00pm Channel 4 News	5:00pm Coast v Country	2:10pm 5 News
6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Eggheads	9:00pm Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke Ep6	6:00pm Four in a Bed	Lunchtime Home and Away
7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:30pm Strictly - It Takes Two	10:00pm Trump: An American Dream	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	2:45pm Neighbours
7:30pm BBC London News	8:00pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	11:00pm The Search for a Miracle Cure	7:00pm The Simpsons	3:15pm NCIS
8:00pm The One Show	9:00pm MasterChef: The Professionals	12:00am Gogglebox	7:30pm Hollyoaks	4:15pm The Christmas Bunny
8:30pm EastEnders	10:00pm Blitz		8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:00pm 5 News at 5
9:00pm DIY SOS The Big Build	11:00pm Match of the Day		9:00pm Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke Ep6	6:30pm Neighbours
10:00pm Love, Lies and Records	11:30pm Newsnight		10:00pm Trump: An American Dream	7:00pm Home and Away
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	12:15am David Gilmour		11:00pm The Search for a Miracle Cure	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
11:30pm BBC London News	1:15am Exodus: Our Journey Continues		12:00am Gogglebox	8:00pm UK's Strongest Man 2017
11:45pm Question Time				9:00pm Bargain Loving Brits in Blackpool
12:45am This Week				10:00pm Wild Card
				11:00pm 5 News

FRIDAY - 24 NOVEMBER

BBC one BBC TWO BBC FOUR CHANNEL 4 CHANNEL 5

12:00pm The Housing Enforcers	7:00am An Island Parish	8:00pm World News Today	7:15am King of Queens	8:35am Peppa Pig
12:45pm The Sheriffs are Coming	7:30am Claimed and Shamed	<i>The latest national and international news, exploring the day's events from a global perspective.</i>	7:40am King of Queens	8:55am Floogals
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	8:15am Royal Recipes	8:30pm BBC Newsroom Live	8:05am King of Queens	9:05am Digby Dragon
2:00pm BBC News at One	9:00am Natural World	9:00pm The Daily Politics	8:30am Everybody Loves Raymond	9:20am Rusty Rivets
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3:15pm Armchair Detectives	2:00pm The Link	2:00pm Rugby League	9:55am Formula 1	10:15am Mofy
4:00pm Escape to the Country	2:45pm Mason's Great Food Trip	2:45pm World Cup Semi-Final Highlights	11:35am Frasier	10:25pm Christmas Child
4:45pm Royal Recipes	3:15pm Going Back	2:45pm Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip	12:05pm Ramsay's Kitchen	2:10pm 5 News
5:30pm Flog It!	4:00pm WPC 56	3:15pm Going Back	1:00pm Channel 4 News	2:15pm Home and Away
6:15pm Pointless	4:45pm Oxford Street Revealed	4:00pm WPC 56	1:05pm Dine with Me	2:45pm Neighbours
7:00pm BBC News at Six	5:15pm Wartime Farm	4:45pm Oxford Street Revealed	1:55pm Formula 1	3:15pm NCIS
7:30pm BBC London News	6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	5:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	4:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	4:15pm Christmas Hero
8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Eggheads	6:15pm Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is	4:00pm Coast v Country	6:00pm 5 News at 5
8:30pm EastEnders	7:30pm Strictly - It Takes Two	7:00pm Strictly - It Takes Two	5:00pm Sounds of the Seventies	6:30pm Neighbours
9:00pm DIY SOS The Big Build	8:00pm Celebrity Antiques Road Trip	7:55pm Match of the Day Live	6:00pm Four in a Bed	7:00pm Home and Away
10:00pm Love, Lies and Records	9:00pm MasterChef: The Professionals	10:00pm Extreme Wives with Kate Humble	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	10:00pm Blitz	11:00pm Gregory Porter's Popular Voices	7:00pm The Simpsons	8:00pm UK's Strongest Man 2017
11:30pm BBC London News	11:00pm Match of the Day	12:00am Crooners at the BBC	7:30pm Hollyoaks	9:00pm Bargain Loving Brits in Blackpool
11:45pm Question Time	11:30pm Newsnight	1:00am Madness Live at Eden	8:00pm Channel 4 News	10:00pm Wild Card
12:45am This Week	12:15am David Gilmour	1:55am Top of the Pops	9:00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday	11:00pm 5 News
	1:15am Exodus: Our Journey Continues	2:55am Gregory Porter's Popular Voices	10:00pm Night Feast	
		3:55am Crooners at the BBC	11:00pm The Last Leg	
		4:55am This is BBC Four	12:05am First Dates	
			1:05am Boyhood	

9:30am Lorraine	10:50am Dinner Date	7:00am Coronation Street	7:00am Snooker v Darts	7:00am Live European Tour Golf
10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:50am I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	7:25am Coronation Street	7:05am The Chase	9:30am Good Morning Sports Fans
11:30am This Morning	12:50pm Planet's Got Talent	7:55am Heartbeat	7:55am The Chase	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
1:30pm Loose Women	1:20pm Emmerdale	9:00am Wild at Heart	8:45am Storage Wars	11:00am Premier League Daily
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	1:50pm Coronation Street	9:55am Judge Judy	9:05am Storage Wars	12:00pm Live Drivers Press Conference
2:55pm ITV News London	2:20pm Coronation Street	10:25am Judge Judy	9:25am Pawn Stars	1:00pm Sky Sports Today
3:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal	2:50pm The Ellen DeGeneres Show	10:50am Judge Judy	9:55am Pawn Stars	2:00pm Sky Sports Today
4:00pm Tenable	3:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:20am A Touch of Frost	10:20am Ironside	3:00pm SKY Sports News
5:00pm Tipping Point	4:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	1:35pm Wild at Heart	11:25pm The Sweeney	4:00pm SKY Sports News
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7:00pm ITV News London	7:00pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	3:40pm Coronation Street	4:50pm The Sweeney	6:00pm Live NFL: Minnesota @ Detroit
7:30pm ITV Evening News	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	4:15pm Coronation Street	5:50pm The Avengers	10:00pm Live NFL: La Chargers @ Dallas
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:30pm You've Been Framed!	4:45pm A Touch of Frost	7:25pm Storage Wars	2:00am Live NFL: NY Giants @ Washington
8:30pm Tonight	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	7:00pm Heartbeat	8:55pm Hornblower	5:45am Cricket
9:00pm Emmerdale	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	11:00pm American Gangster	
9:30pm Coronation Street	10:00pm Endeavour	9:00pm Doc Martin	12:05am FYI Daily	
10:00pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	8:30pm You've Been Framed!	10:00pm Endeavour	12:10am American Gangster	
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	12:05am Blue Murder	Oscar-nominated drama based on a true story.	
11:30pm ITV News London	10:00pm Family Guy	1:35am A Touch of Frost	The Sweeney Classic 70s police series.	
11:45pm UEFA Europa League Highlights	10:30pm Family Guy	3:30am Teleshopping	Ax Men	
1:00am The Jonathan Ross Show	11:00pm I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp	4:00am Teleshopping	Teleshopping Shopping from home.	
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10:25am The Jeremy Kyle Show	7:00am The Cube	7:00am Coronation Street	7:00am The Chase	7:00am Cricket
11:30am This Morning	7:45am Dinner Date	7:25am Coronation Street	7:50am The Chase	12:15pm My Icon
1:30pm Loose Women	8:35am Emmerdale	8:50am Storage Wars	8:50am Storage Wars	12:30pm Sky Sports Daily
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	9:30am Coronation Street	9:20am Pawn Stars	9:20am Pawn Stars	1:00pm SKY Sports News
2:55pm ITV News London	10:00am The Ellen DeGeneres Show	9:45am Pawn Stars	9:45am Pawn Stars	1:30pm Paddock Uncut: Abu Dhabi
3:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal	10:50am Dinner Date	10:15am Ironside	10:15am Ironside	1:45pm Live Abu Dhabi GP: Practice
4:00pm Tenable	11:50am I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	12:20pm The Sweeney	12:20pm The Sweeney	4:00pm SKY Sports News
5:00pm Tipping Point	12:50pm Planet's Got Talent	1:25pm Hat-Trick Heroes	1:25pm Hat-Trick Heroes	5:00pm Csa T20 Challenge
6:00pm The Chase	1:30pm Wild at Heart	1:45pm Darts	1:45pm Darts	8:30pm Football
7:00pm ITV News London	2:35pm Heartbeat	2:00pm Storage Wars	2:00pm Storage Wars	11:30pm Carling in Off the Bar
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Bernice is stunned. Bob is mortified.	4:45pm A Touch of Frost	3:00pm SKY Sports News	3:00pm SKY Sports News	2:00am SKY Sports News
Robert faces an ultimatum.	7:00pm Heartbeat	3:00pm SKY Sports News	3:00pm SKY Sports News	3:00am SKY Sports News
Coronation Street	8:00pm Murder, She Wrote	4:00am SKY Sports News	4:00am SKY Sports News	4:00am SKY Sports News
Australian Wilderness with Ray Mears	9:00pm Doc Martin	5:00am SKY Sports News	5:00am SKY Sports News	5:00am Cricket
Coronation Street	10:00pm Endeavour	5:00am SKY Sports News	5:00am SKY Sports News	Day two of the second Test between India and Sri Lanka from the VCA Stadium in Nagpur.
I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	12:00am Blue Murder			
ITV News London	1:30am The Theory of Everything			
	2:30am FYI Daily			
	2:35am The Theory of Everything			
	3:40am A Touch of Frost			
	5:25am Wycliffe			



# Should TV reboots be given the boot?

**Nora Johnson**  
*Breaking Views*

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WE'RE living in an age of endless TV reboots with news that the comedy classic *Four Weddings and a Funeral* is being remade, as is the 1980's series *Magnum PI*.

But reboots are invariably disappointing because the original was part of its time that can't be recreated second time round. Everyone's moved on and the world's a completely different place today. Alternatively, they weren't brilliant shows even back then.

In theory, I've nothing against remaking movies or TV shows. It's not unlike a fresh restaging of a Shakespeare play - if there is a point, of course, and some-



Photo by Atlanta's CW/Twitter

**IT'S BACK:** Iconic TV show *Dynasty* was given the reboot treatment this year.

thing new and different is added to the production. In practice, though, the major problem with reviving 80's TV is that our tastes have fundamentally altered as have our TV viewing habits.

In the 80's, there were very few channels so shows like *Dallas* and *Dynasty* (likewise rebooted) became popular because there wasn't much else - and provocative, challenging, cre-

ative TV's moved on from the predictability of the hourly slot where the same thing happens every week. And in *Magnum PI* the same thing did happen every week.

Most of these revivals are just the result of creative laziness, because either nobody can dream up any fresh ideas, or the bean counters in charge won't take the plunge with new ones. They'd rather just rely on re-

writes and hope that enough people have been born who can't remember the old series and will be presented with something 'different.'

Basically, recycling old themes rarely works; shows that were popular by default not merit then, rarely 'ignite' now. There are plenty of new concepts to exploit, but everyone's too frightened of 'offending' the easily offended, so nobody takes chances anymore.

Which reminds me, the arctic blasts currently hitting the UK must be due to Global Warming, right? Or possibly Brexit? (Though my money's on Putin!) But it's not all bad - it should suit the snowflakes, provided they've some safe spaces where the temperature's mild and nobody's allowed a platform to talk about this, umm, 'offensive' weather.

*Nora Johnson's psychological crime thrillers 'The Girl in the Red Dress,' 'No Way Back,' 'Landscape of Lies,' 'Retribution,' 'Soul Stealer,' 'The De Clerambault Code' (www.nora-johnson.net) from Amazon. All profits to Costa del Sol Cudeca cancer charity.*

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## THURSDAY THOUGHTS

By Graham Braben, Albion

### No goodies at the top

WE were in Ikea last week, just for a coffee and those cinnamon rolls. No shopping. No self-assembly nightmares. Or that's what I thought. It turns out we were on a mission to find curtain rails. Now in my world, you go in and choose the first set you come to and that's it!

But according to my wife and daughter, I know nothing. The first thing we had to do was measure them, taking into account drop, width and some other things that I'd never heard of, so we picked up one of those paper tape things and that's when I perked up!

It's funny the way our minds work. Apparently, the Nepalese government aren't sure how tall Everest is now after recent earthquakes, so they've commissioned professional measurers to produce a definitive figure.

It got me thinking, well the curtain rails did. We had to measure one of them and my job was to hold the measure at one end. Unfortunately, every time it was pulled tight, I let go.

Okay I admit it, I'm not a fully qualified rail measurer and to make things worse, I wasn't paying the slightest bit of attention either! All I got for my incompetence was a very hard stare and the threat of no cinnamon roll. Imagine what would happen if the same thing happened on Everest.

Which brings me to the point of this. If you have to go to Ikea against your will this weekend, take comfort, you could be over 20,000 feet up in the freezing snow, measuring a mountain rather than curtain rails, and there are no drinks and goodies at the top!

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7:00am Breakfast	8:30am Naomi's Nightmares of Nature	8:00pm Natural World	7:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:20am Shimmer and Shine	
11:00am Saturday Kitchen Live	9:00am Deadly 60	9:00pm The Mekong	7:30am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:35am Digby Dragon	
12:30pm Nigella: At My Table	9:30am Show Me What You're Made of: UK	9:00pm River with Sue Perkins	7:55am Frasier	10:50am Peppa Pig	
1:00pm Football Focus	10:00am Saturday Mash-Up!	9:30pm <i>Sue Perkins continues her epic journey up the Mekong, south east Asia's greatest river.</i>	8:20am Frasier	10:55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	
2:00pm BBC News	12:00pm Natural World	10:00pm Witnesses	8:45am The Big Bang Theory	11:30am The Gadget Show	
2:15pm Rugby League	1:00pm Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes	10:00pm <i>Audrey Fleuret, Marie Dompnier, Jan Hammenecker, Judith Henry, Guillaume Durieux, Steve Driesen.</i>	9:10am The Big Bang Theory	12:25pm Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud	
3:00pm Rugby Union	1:30pm Raymond Blanc: How to Cook Well	10:55pm <i>Audrey Fleuret, Marie Dompnier, Jan Hammenecker, Judith Henry, Guillaume Durieux, Steve Driesen.</i>	9:35am The Big Bang Theory	12:55pm A Christmas Reunion	
5:30pm Final Score	2:00pm Coast	11:50pm The Vietnam War	10:00am The Simpsons	2:40pm Santa Who?	
6:15pm Len Goodman's Partners in Rhyme	2:20pm Talking Pictures	12:50pm What a Performance!	10:25am The Simpsons	4:25pm Angels in the Snow	
6:45pm BBC News	3:10pm Daddy Long Legs	1:50am A Blackpool Big Band Boogie	10:55am Formula 1	5:25pm 5 News	
6:55pm BBC London News	3:45pm Britain Afloat	2:50am Natural World	12:25pm F1 Meets... Niki Lauda	5:30pm Angels in the Snow	
7:00pm Pointless	4:30pm Rugby Union	3:50am The Mekong	12:55pm Formula 1	6:15pm Love You Like Christmas	
7:50pm Strictly Come Dancing	4:55pm Rugby Union	4:05am This is BBC Two	3:45pm World's Most Expensive Cars	7:15pm 5 News	
9:10pm Michael McIntyre's Big Show	8:30pm Rugby Union	Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.	4:45pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	7:20pm Love You Like Christmas	
10:10pm Casualty	9:30pm Dad's Army		5:30pm Best Laid Plans	8:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	
11:00pm BBC News	Classic wartime sitcom.		6:30pm Grand Designs	9:00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!	
11:20pm Match of the Day	10:00pm Joe Orton Laid Bare		7:25pm News	9:55pm 5 News Weekend	
12:45am The NFL Show	11:20pm QI XL		7:45pm The Day After Tomorrow	10:00pm Football on 5	
1:15am Obsessed	12:05am Insert Name Here		10:00pm Ex Machina	11:00pm Football on 5	
3:00am Weather for the Week Ahead	12:35am Albert Nobbs		12:05am Lone Survivor	11:30pm NCIS: New Orleans	
	2:20am Chances Are		2:15am The Last Leg		
	4:05am This is BBC Two		3:10am Hollyoaks Omnibus		
	Highlights of programmes on BBC Two.		5:20am Location, Location, Location		

SUNDAY - 26 NOVEMBER

one	two	three	four	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
7:00am Breakfast	7:05am Coast	8:30pm University Challenge	7:05am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:00am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom	
8:30am Match of the Day	7:50am A to Z of TV Gardening	8:55am Frasier	7:30am Everybody Loves Raymond	10:20am Shimmer and Shine	
10:00am The Andrew Marr Show	8:35am Monty Don's Secret History of the British Garden	9:25am Frasier	7:55am Frasier	10:35am Digby Dragon	
11:00am Fern Britton Meets...	9:35am Countryfile	10:00am Sunday Brunch	8:20am Frasier	10:45am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	
12:00pm Sunday Politics	10:30am Saturday Kitchen Best Bites	1:00pm Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Live Reaction	8:45am The Big Bang Theory	10:55am Frasier	
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	12:00pm Food and Drink	1:35pm Formula 1	9:10am The Big Bang Theory	10:55am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles	
2:00pm BBC News	12:30pm My Life on a Plate	4:10pm Formula 1 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix Live Reaction	9:35am The Big Bang Theory	11:20am Football on 5	
2:15pm Elizabeth and Philip	1:15pm MOTD2 Extra	6:35pm Channel 4 News	10:00am The Simpsons	12:10pm Football on 5	
3:15pm Mary Berry's Country House Secrets	2:00pm Rugby Union	7:05pm Men in Black 3	10:25am The Simpsons	12:40pm Chilly Christmas	
4:15pm Songs of Praise	3:00pm Natural World	9:00pm Coastal Railways with Julie Walters	10:55am Formula 1	2:20pm Winter Wedding	
4:55pm Alan Shearer: Football, Dementia and Me?	4:00pm Demolition	1:10am Good Kill	12:25pm F1 Meets... Niki Lauda	4:10pm A Christmas to Remember	
5:55pm Blue Planet II	5:00pm Escape to the Country	3:00am The Supervet	12:55pm Formula 1	5:10pm 5 News	
6:55pm BBC News	5:45pm Flog It!	A black Labrador called Shiraz is rushed to Fitzpatrick Referrals after being hit by a car.	3:45pm World's Most Expensive Cars	5:15pm A Christmas to Remember	
7:10pm BBC London News	6:45pm Turkey with Simon Reeve	8:55pm 5 News	4:45pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	5:55pm Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest	
7:20pm Countryfile	7:45pm Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day	9:00pm Weekend	6:30pm Grand Designs	7:00pm Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest	
8:20pm Strictly Come Dancing	9:00pm Robot Wars	9:00pm Aviva Premiership	7:25pm News	8:55pm 5 News	
9:00pm Blue Planet II	10:00pm Expedition Volcano	9:00pm Aviva Premiership	7:45pm The Day After Tomorrow	10:00pm Football on 5	
10:00pm Howards End	11:00pm Snowfall	10:00pm Rugby Highlights	10:00pm Ex Machina	11:00pm Football on 5	
11:00pm BBC News	11:40pm John Carter	11:00pm Fury	12:05am Lone Survivor	11:30pm NCIS: New Orleans	
11:20pm BBC London News	1:40am Question Time	11:05pm Fury	2:15am The Last Leg		
11:30pm Match of the Day 2	2:45am Holby City		3:10am Hollyoaks Omnibus		
12:30am Ronny Chieng: International Student	3:40am This is BBC Two		5:20am Location, Location, Location		

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**TV Couch Critic**

# Celebs (perhaps), real bugs plus start to festive season

IT'S back!

I'm *A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here* (ITV 1) swept in from the Australian jungle last Sunday with an eclectic group of celebrities, in the widest possible interpretation of celebs.

Living in the jungle and eating bugs, with Ant and Dec at the sharp end of watching over them all, if such an idea was pitched to a TV executive today, would it fly?

I'm not sure, but the format clearly works given the viewing figures.

If you are among the millions of fans, don't forget to also catch *Get Me Out of Here Extra Camp* (ITV2) that follows each main Celebrity episode.

In the Extra show, Scarlett Moffatt is the rose between two thorns in the guise of Joe Walsh and Joel Dommett.

Tune in and expect lively debate and an opportunity to put questions direct to campmates via social media and the App.

For me and one friend, the first note of Christmas used to be the beginning of *Once in Royal David's City via Carols from Kings* (expected on BBC2, Christmas Eve).

With that said, now the first festive note seems to be various retailers' seasonal adverts. Keeping it brief, but that carrot again, seriously!

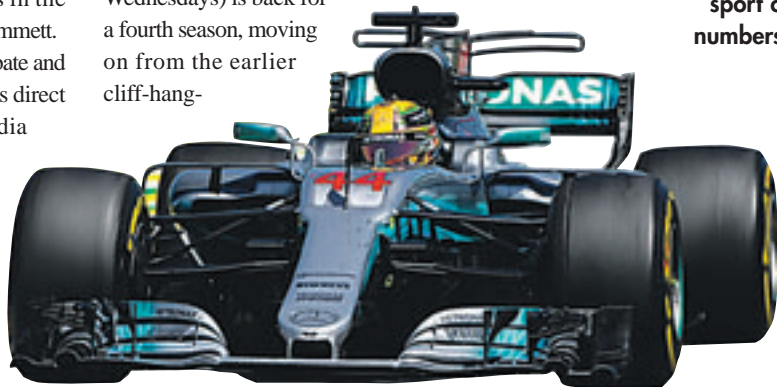
Enough to say I'm disappointed by most, don't really understand a certain bear in the snow but I love the interpretation of Cinderella (although why aren't the key players wearing warm clothes in the snow?)

The monster under the bed must also get a mention, despite for me having no bearing on the glass slipper story.

*Peaky Builders* (BBC2, Wednesdays) is back for a fourth season, moving on from the earlier cliff-hang-



**ANT AND DEC: Back in the jungle.**



**F1 ACTION: A sport of numbers!**

er ending.

If the start of the latest series is anything to go by, with the story back to Birmingham and more problems for the Shelby family to deal with, some good viewing ahead.

Cilian Murphy continues to delight as Thomas Shelby and the return of Tom Hardy as Alfie Solomons can only be a good thing.

And now to close, have you ever wondered what TV Must-See you might be missing simply because you do not think a show or series

will appeal?

That was me with *Formula One*, with the final 2017 race in Abu Dhabi due this Sunday live on *Sky Sports F1 and Channel 4*.

Friends on the coast regularly hold Grand Prix parties and a great hit, so I checked out ever-keen not to skip a good party due to TV ignorance!

I cut my teeth on the Brazilian Grand Prix; to summarise, billed as a sporting event covering at least 305km not exceeding two hours in length. I was near exhausted just getting my head around the numbers.

Imagining F1 cars roaring up the A7 from Malaga and screeching to a halt somewhere south of Cartagena, no such luck.

The super cars circled around a track like an overpowered Scalextric set, I had a siesta and someone seemed to win (in fact Sebastian Vettel, just to show I watched the end).

F1 has a massive following, and while this TV offering simply isn't me, for those watching on Sunday, enjoy and don't forget to check out the Teams' Tyre Choices before viewing.

But I am left wondering just how many F1 fans also tune in most nights to catch the latest in *I'm a Celebrity*?

**Critique: AWL, Casares, Costa del Sol.**

**Advertising feature**

# Shake off those November blues! It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

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THIS is a glorious time of year to take a break; kids are back at school, prices are lower; and if you are lucky, depending on where travel, you might still catch a spectacular autumnal riot of colour as you venture outdoors.

If you're hankering for a mini holiday to fortify yourself for the festive season, why not meet two needs with one deed and head for a Christmas Market?

Europe has the best selection of Christmas Markets, where you can wrap up warm, indulge in steaming hot drinks (mulled wine, or hot chocolate anyone?), find original

gifts, whilst taking in the sights and sounds of some of the most beautiful places in Europe.

Here are some of our favourites for you to combine festive fun with some unforgettable historic hotspots. Let us know if we've missed your favourite and we will tell readers about the most popular ones next month.

**Rothenburg ob de Tauber** is our favourite of the spectacular German Christmas Markets, because whether it's Christmas or not, this town is straight out of Hansel and Gretel.

It's the most impeccably preserved Bavarian medieval town in Europe and is picture-perfect for this Christmas Market, which dates back 500 years. Robust stone town walls that surround the town with their creaking wooden walkways offer uniquely outstanding roof top vistas of the town's half-timbered houses and red-tiled roofs.



**GERMAN MARKET: The spectacular Rothenburg ob de Tauber.**

Runs from December 1 to 23.

**Strasbourg** boasts the oldest Christmas Market in France, first held in 1570. With 300 stalls, across 12 locations, this is one of Europe's most popular Christmas markets. Strasbourg's spectacular Gothic Cathedral nestles at the heart of this fabulously festive location.

Market runs from November 25

to December 31.

**Bath** city centre with its Roman Baths and glorious Abbey becomes home to 170 Christmas stalls from the end of November. This year is bigger than ever with over 200 wooden chalets. The market offers ceramics, toys, gifts, decorations and food with over 80 per cent of produce sourced locally.

There's an ice rink and glow-in-the-dark crazy golf course at nearby Royal Victoria Park. Market runs from November 23 to December 10.

**Winchester's** beautiful medieval centre offers a slightly more modest, but equally delightful Christmas Market with around 100 wooden chalets offering decorations, jewellery, artwork, gifts, and all the usual irresistible food fayre. Visit the open air ice-rink and Winchester Cathedral.

There are lots more to choose from, including Vienna, Prague, Dresden, Verona, Leipzig, Budapest.

Whichever you opt for, stay safe, be aware of your surroundings and remember your travel insurance in case of mishaps or emergencies.

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MONDAY - 27 NOVEMBER

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
3:15pm Armchair Detectives	4:00pm The Indian Doctor	8:30pm Christmas University	3:10pm Countdown	1:30pm The Gadget Show
4:00pm Escape to the Country	4:45pm Oxford Street Revealed	8:30pm Challenge 2015	4:00pm Lost and Found Ep1	2:25pm 5 News Lunchtime
4:45pm Royal Recipes	5:15pm Wartime Farm	9:00pm Building the Ancient City: Athens and Rome	5:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	2:30pm Neighbours
5:30pm Flog It!	6:15pm Put Your Money	10:00pm The Other Pompeii: Life and Death in Herculaneum	6:00pm Four in a Bed	3:00pm Christmas Mail
6:15pm Pointless	7:00pm Mouth Is	11:00pm Last Men in Aleppo	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	4:45pm A Perfect Christmas
7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:00pm Strictly - It Takes Two	12:30am Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	7:00pm The Simpsons	6:30pm 5 News at 5
7:30pm BBC London News	8:00pm Celebrity Antiques	2:40am The Other Pompeii: Life and Death in Herculaneum	7:30pm Hollyoaks	7:00pm Neighbours
8:00pm The One Show	8:00pm Road Trip		8:00pm Channel 4 News	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
8:30pm Panorama	9:00pm Challenge		8:00pm Paul Hollywood	8:00pm Weather Terror
9:00pm EastEnders	9:30pm Niigella: At My Table		9:30pm Supershoppers	9:00pm Sinkholes
9:30pm Would I Lie to You?	10:00pm Employable Me		10:00pm 999: What's Your Emergency?	10:00pm Chris Tarrant: Extreme Railway Journeys
10:00pm New Tricks	11:00pm Insert Name Here		11:00pm First Dates	11:00pm Secrets of the Tube: Going Underground
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	11:30pm Newsnight		12:05am Don't Tell the Bride	12:05am Inside the Mega Twister
11:30pm BBC London News	12:15am Blitz			

TUESDAY - 28 NOVEMBER

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
3:15pm Armchair Detectives	2:00pm The Link	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	10:15am The Wright Stuff
4:00pm Escape to the Country	2:45pm Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip	8:30pm Christmas University	2:05pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas	12:35pm 40 Below and 5 News
4:45pm Royal Recipes	3:15pm Going Back	9:00pm Darcey Bussell's Looking for Audrey	3:10pm Countdown	2:25pm Lunchtime
5:30pm Flog It!	4:00pm Giving Back	10:00pm From Andy Pandey to Zebedee: The Golden Age of Children's Television	4:00pm Lost and Found	2:30pm Neighbours
6:15pm Pointless	4:45pm Oxford Street Revealed	11:00pm Arena	4:40pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	3:00pm The Christmas Switch
7:00pm BBC News at Six	5:15pm Wartime Farm	12:00am A303: Highway to the Sun	6:30pm Four in a Bed	4:40pm Snowmance
7:30pm BBC London News	6:15pm Put Your Money	1:00am The Maharajas' Car: The Story of Rolls-Royce in India	7:00pm Come Dine with Me	6:30pm 5 News at 5
8:00pm The One Show	7:00pm Mouth Is		7:30pm The Simpsons	7:00pm Neighbours
8:30pm EastEnders	7:30pm Eggheads		8:00pm Hollyoaks	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
9:00pm Holby City	7:30pm Strictly - It Takes Two		8:00pm Channel 4 News	8:00pm Yorkshire: A Year in the Wild
10:00pm The A Word	7:55pm Match of the Day Live		9:00pm The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds	9:00pm Jo Brand's Cats and Kittens
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	10:00pm MasterChef: The Professionals		10:00pm Grand Designs	10:00pm Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild
11:30pm BBC London News			11:00pm The Robot Will See You Now	11:00pm The 90s: Most Shocking Celebrity Moments
11:45pm Drugsland				

itv	itv2	itv3	itv4	sky sports main event
3:00pm Judge Rinder	11:50am I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	7:55am Heartbeat	10:25am Ironside	7:00am Cricket
4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal	1:20pm Emmerdale	8:55am Wild at Heart	11:30am Quincy, M.E.	12:15pm My Icon
5:00pm Tipping Point	1:50pm Coronation Street	9:55am Judge Judy	12:35pm The Sweeney	12:30pm Sky Sports Daily
6:00pm The Chase	2:50pm The Ellen	10:20am Judge Judy	1:35pm The Avengers	1:00pm SKY Sports News
7:00pm ITV News London	3:45pm DeGeneres Show	10:50am Judge Judy	2:50pm Ironside	2:00pm SKY Sports News
7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:15am A Touch of Frost	3:55pm Quincy, M.E.	3:00pm SKY Sports News
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:30pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	1:35pm Wild at Heart	5:00pm The Sweeney	4:00pm SKY Sports News
8:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm You've Been Framed!	2:35pm Heartbeat	6:00pm The Avengers	5:00pm SKY Sports News
9:00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show	10:00pm Two and a Half Men	3:40pm Coronation Street	7:05pm Cash Cowboys	6:00pm SKY Sports News
9:30pm Coronation Street	10:00pm Family Guy	4:15pm Coronation Street	8:05pm Pawn Stars	7:00pm SKY Sports News
		4:45pm A Touch of Frost	8:35pm Pawn Stars	8:00pm Sky Sports Tonight
		6:55pm Heartbeat	9:00pm River Monsters	8:30pm Football
		7:55pm Murder, She Wrote	9:30pm River Monsters	11:00pm The Debate - Live
		9:00pm Doc Martin	10:00pm Die Another Day	12:00pm SKY Sports News
		10:00pm Midsomer Murders	11:05pm FYI Daily	1:00am SKY Sports News
		12:00am Blue Murder	11:10pm Die Another Day	2:00am NFL Masterclass
			12:45am The Road	

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6:00pm The Chase	4:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:05am Judge Judy	10:00am Pawn Stars	1:00pm SKY Sports News
7:00pm ITV News London	5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:35am A Touch of Frost	10:30am Ironside	All the news from the Premier League and beyond.
7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	1:35pm Wild at Heart	11:35am Quincy, M.E.	2:00pm SKY Sports News
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	2:40pm Heartbeat	12:35pm The Sweeney	All the news from the Premier League and beyond.
8:30pm Save Money: Good Food	8:30pm You've Been Framed!	3:40pm Coronation Street	1:45pm The Avengers	3:00pm SKY Sports News
9:00pm How to Spend it Well at Christmas with Phillip Schofield	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	4:15pm Coronation Street	2:50pm Ironside	7:00pm SKY Sports News
10:00pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	9:30pm Two and a Half Men	4:50pm A Touch of Frost	3:55pm Quincy, M.E.	Soccer Special Pre-Match
11:05pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	10:00pm Family Guy	5:00pm Heartbeat	5:00pm The Sweeney	8:00pm Soccer Special
	10:30pm Family Guy	6:00pm The Avengers	6:00pm The Avengers	8:30pm Gillette Soccer Special
		7:05pm Cash Cowboys	7:05pm Pawn Stars	
		8:00pm Pawn Stars	8:30pm Pawn Stars	
		9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special	9:00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special	
		10:00pm Midsomer Murders	10:00pm Midsomer Murders	
		11:05pm FYI Daily	11:05pm FYI Daily	

WEDNESDAY - 29 NOVEMBER

BBC one	BBC TWO	BBC FOUR	CHANNEL 4	CHANNEL 5
12:45pm The Sheriffs are Coming	10:00am Victoria Derbyshire	8:00pm Beyond 100 Days	11:05am Ramsay's Kitchen	8:45am Peppa Pig
1:15pm Bargain Hunt	12:00pm BBC Newsroom Live	8:30pm Christmas University	12:00pm Nightmares USA	8:50am Flogals
2:00pm BBC News at One	12:30pm The Daily Politics	9:00pm Challenge 2015	1:00pm Undercover Boss USA	9:05am Digby Dragon
2:30pm BBC London News	2:00pm The Link	9:00pm Jeremy Paxman asks the questions in the Christmas-themed quiz for distinguished university alumni.	1:05pm Channel 4 News	9:20am Rusty Rivets
2:45pm Doctors	2:45pm Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip	10:00pm Digging for Britain	1:05pm Come Dine with Me	9:35am Shimmer and Shine
3:15pm Armchair Detectives	3:15pm Going Back Giving Back	11:00pm Detectorists	2:05pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas	9:55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
4:00pm Escape to the Country	4:00pm The Indian Doctor	11:30pm Comedy series about two metal-detecting friends.	3:10pm Countdown	10:05am Mofy
4:45pm Royal Recipes	4:45pm Oxford Street Revealed	12:00am Premium Bond	4:00pm Lost and Found	10:15am The Wright Stuff
5:30pm Flog It!	5:15pm Wartime Farm	12:00am Peaky Blinders	5:00pm A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun	12:45pm A Bride for Christmas
6:15pm Pointless	6:15pm Put Your Money	1:11:30pm The League of Gentlemen	6:00pm Four in a Bed	1:25pm 5 News Lunchtime
7:00pm BBC News at Six	7:00pm Where Your Mouth Is	11:35pm Black comedy series about small-town life.	6:30pm Come Dine with Me	2:30pm Neighbours
7:30pm BBC London News	7:00pm Eggheads	12:00am Sweet	7:00pm The Simpsons	3:00pm Last Chance Holiday
8:00pm The One Show	7:30pm Strictly - It Takes Two		8:00pm Hollyoaks	4:40pm My Christmas Love
9:00pm Mary Berry's Country House Secrets	8:00pm Celebrity Antiques		8:00pm Channel 4 News	6:30pm 5 News at 5
10:00pm The Apprentice	9:00pm MasterChef: The Professionals		9:00pm The Secret Life of the Zoo	7:00pm Neighbours
11:00pm BBC News at Ten	10:00pm Peaky Blinders		10:00pm The Channel	7:30pm 5 News Tonight
11:30pm BBC London News	11:00pm The Apprentice: You're Fired!		11:00pm Man Down	8:00pm Traffic Cops
11:45pm Match of the Day	11:30pm Newsnight		11:35pm How to Build a Robot	9:00pm Special GPs: Behind Closed Doors
1:25am Junior Doctors	12:15am Employable Me		12:40am 999: What's Your Emergency?	10:00pm Wallis: The Queen That Never Was
				12:00pm Mobo Awards 2017

itv	itv2	itv3	itv4	sky sports main event
11:30am This Morning	10:50am Dinner Date	7:00am Judge Judy	11:30am Quincy, M.E.	7:00am Total Goals
1:30pm Loose Women	11:50am I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	7:20am Coronation Street	12:35pm The Sweeney	8:00am Total Goals
2:30pm ITV Lunchtime News	12:50pm Planet's Got Talent	7:45am Coronation Street	1:40pm The Avengers	9:00am Total Goals
2:55pm ITV News London	1:20pm Emmerdale	8:10am Heartbeat	2:50pm Ironside	10:00am Good Morning Sports Fans
3:00pm Judge Rinder	1:50pm The Guide to You've Been Framed!	9:15am Wild at Heart	3:55pm Quincy, M.E.	11:00am Premier League Daily
4:00pm Dickinson's Real Deal	2:50pm The Ellen	10:10am Judge Judy	5:00pm The Sweeney	12:00pm Sky Sports Daily News
5:00pm Tipping Point	3:45pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	10:40am Judge Judy	6:00pm The Avengers	1:00pm SKY Sports News
6:00pm The Chase	4:50pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:05am Judge Judy	7:05pm Cash Cowboys	2:00pm SKY Sports News
7:00pm ITV News London	5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	11:30am A Touch of Frost	8:05pm Pawn Stars	3:00pm SKY Sports News
7:30pm ITV Evening News	7:00pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	1:35pm Wild at Heart	8:35pm Pawn Stars	4:00pm SKY Sports News
8:00pm Emmerdale	8:00pm You've Been Framed!	2:35pm Heartbeat	9:00pm River Monsters	5:00pm SKY Sports News
8:30pm Coronation Street	9:00pm Two and a Half Men	3:40pm Coronation Street	9:30pm Britain's Busiest Motorway	6:00pm SKY Sports News
9:00pm Gino's Italian Coastal Escape	10:00pm Family Guy	4:15pm A Touch of Frost	10:00pm Inside London Fire Brigade	7:00pm SKY Sports News
9:30pm Coronation Street	11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	4:50pm Heartbeat	11:00pm Crank	8:30pm Football Info not available
10:00pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	11:45pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow	5:55pm The Jeremy Kyle Show	12:05am FYI Daily	11:00pm SKY Sports News
11:00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather	12:45am Jackpot247	7:00pm I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here!	12:10am Crank	12:00pm SKY Sports News
11:30pm ITV News London		8:00pm You've Been Framed!	12:50am Hot Tub Time Machine 2	2:00am SKY Sports News
11:45pm Britain's Busiest Airport - Heathrow		9:00pm Two and a Half Men	1:55am FYI Daily	3:00am SKY Sports News
12:45am Play to the Whistle		10:00pm Family Guy	2:00am Hot Tub Time Machine 2	4:00am SKY Sports News
		11:00pm I'm a Celebrity... Extra Camp	3:35am The Protectors	
		12:00am Family Guy	4:00am Teleshopping	



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# Spending income to the benefit of all

NOW that we enter an AGM free period, Stephen Lewis, Managing Director of LPL Commercial Services takes a breath to look back on what it all means in his world of Community Management Fees Debt Collection.

For most residential communities in Spain we have just come out of perhaps the busiest time for Management Committees and their appointed Administrators - the AGM. Dreaded by many, relished by some, stressful for most.

For expats and holiday owners alike it is an opportunity to air grievances, discuss the poor quality of gardens, litter, decoration, should we pay for security gates and on and on it goes. But nearly everything discussed at any AGM always comes down to one question - How much money does the Community have to spend?

Then the real discussion and arguments start. Who owes what, how much and for how long and more importantly: Why are those residents that pay their management fees subsidising those that do not? It is a sad fact that for years many communities suffer this problem, shout about it at the AGM and discuss the very same subject at the next AGM and often about the same debtors at the next AGM and the next and the next...



## THE AGM: Who owes what?

It has always been a strange paradox that with most worldwide accounting systems we carry over 'Debtors' as an asset. We kid ourselves that the balance sheet is very healthy, as soon as all the overdue monies come in. Whether communi-

ties in Spain or businesses elsewhere it's the same story. Unfortunately we have seen in our lifetimes what can happen when we get too

complacent about monies owed on the balance sheet, as was proven through the European and almost world wide banking crisis of 2008

One of the biggest problems besetting communities is not the fact the money does not always come in on time, it's the fact that many are actually too hesitant to do anything about it. By the time a decision is made the property owner, living outside of Spain, may have moved or incurred other circumstances making it far more difficult to contact them and collect. Worse still some debts are so old that they then become uncollectible because of the Statute of Limitations, which in Scotland is five years and England and Wales in particular six years, as an example.

There is no good reason to delay strong collection action on debts of one year, or even sooner. After all why should the well intentioned prompt payers suffer for the misdeeds of those that really don't care about their Community or worse still are deriving income from renting out their property and are still shirking their payment responsibilities.

Wouldn't it be great to discuss how we can spend Community income to the benefit of all as we have the money in the bank... or better still reduce next year's charges for a change !

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# Selecting Malaga Airport parking for Christmas, but which one of many?

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SELECTING where to park your car for Christmas is totally a personal choice, but making the right selection is always going to be difficult. At the last count there are approximately 65 airport parking businesses at Malaga Airport. So which one do you choose? Let's break down the requirements first and work out exactly what is required.

### Priorities

1. Indoor or outdoor?
2. Valet service or minibus transfers?
3. Is cost the big issue and if so can you get what you need for your budget?
4. Is it total quality of service you are looking for?

When you have established these answers, then you are ready to make your choice. Start by taking a look at the web pages and work out what you are willing

to pay. Are you going for the cheapest deal or would you like to pay a little more for the right balance? Decide how you wish the park to be handled: Valet or no valet?

### Selection

Make two selections from the companies that appear to fit your criteria and make your enquiries with them. The answers will tell the whole story. You will strike up a relationship or you will feel uncomfortable. If you get clarity, confidence, assurance and security, go with it.

If you are left scratching your head with confusion then leave it alone. Either way, this first point of contact will undoubtedly give you your answer. Gut feeling in this is a good rule of thumb.

Many unhappy clients that make noises all day about how poorly they have been

treated, have in all honesty probably made the wrong choice. When you are leaving your pride and joy with someone, you have to be able to trust them.

### Bottom line

The system of cost at the airport is pretty simple. If it is very cheap then where it is parked is not going to be ideal, possibly on an industrial area or such like. If the costs are middle range, it would suggest the parking is a better quality and the company has confidence in their pricing. If you go to the other extreme and it is very expensive, then tell them as they may negotiate.

The bottom line is there are so many companies to choose from, you make your priorities and stick to them. At i Parking Malaga, clients with longer term or yearly contracts, have to know that



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their vehicle is with someone they trust to carry out the service as they require it. Many of our clients come back because we design an individual package for each client to suit their needs.



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## Let's not forget our Christmas past

IN response to an article in UK media saying scripture union are taking out any reference to the Bible in this year's nativity, I would like to say this.

I have lived in Spain for 27 years and when I first came Father Christmas was unknown. Christmas was a celebration of the Bible story with the Three Kings bringing the presents. Since then I have seen Santa arrive and slowly take over.

He now rides with the Three Kings, it is he that is promoted in shops where children visit him, and the Nativity story is slowly disappearing. In a few years' time it will no doubt just be a secular, commercial holiday with no mention of Jesus.

We have had Father Christmas in the UK for so long that we are not aware of the damage he has done to the truth of Jesus. If the church promotes fictional characters to children, when they find out we lied to them how will they believe in Jesus? This year, let's be aware of who we are promoting in our Christmas celebrations.

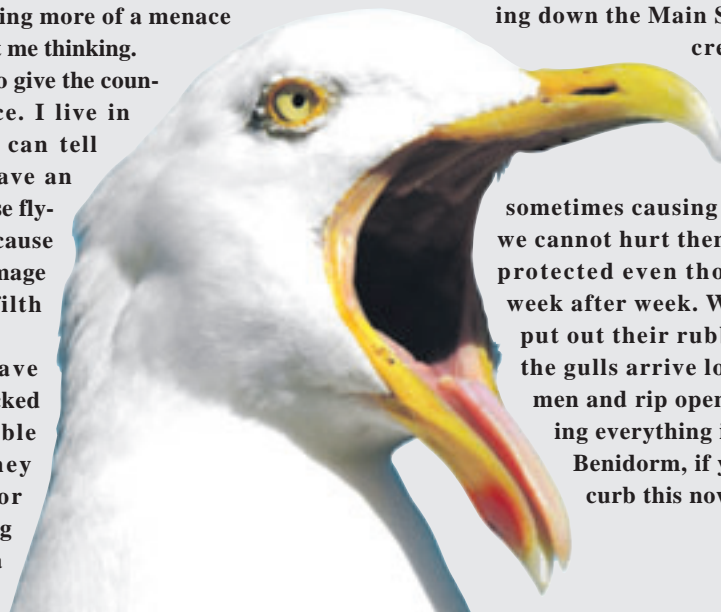
*Rev Howard Coley, Iglesia Evangelical Elim Pentecostal*

### Aggressive seagulls can peck off

I WAS reading last week's issue earlier today outside a bar in Javea, and your article about seagulls becoming more of a menace in Benidorm got me thinking.

I would like to give the council some advice. I live in Newquay and can tell you that we have an epidemic of these flying rats. They cause trouble and damage and leave filth everywhere.

People have even been attacked by these horrible birds when they are nesting or have young chicks on a



roof, and it is documented that they have killed small dogs in private gardens. Families walking down the Main Street eating an ice cream, pasty, or fish 'n' chips will be swooped upon and all food torn from their hands, sometimes causing nasty injuries, yet we cannot hurt them because they are protected even though it gets worse week after week. When householders put out their rubbish for collection the gulls arrive long before the binmen and rip open bags before scoffing everything in sight. Be warned Benidorm, if you do not stop and curb this now you will be sorry!

*Paul, Cornwall, UK*

### Yes, Leapy

LEAPY LEE is right. There I've said it. His piece on the ludicrous situation of a Somali convicted criminal receiving almost 80 grand of public money after being put inside over a dozen times in 15 years only highlights that the world has gone absolutely stark staring mad.

You have to think there is more to this surely. How can something be so obviously wrong!?

*Philip, San Fulgencio*

### No, Leapy

SO Leapy Lee thinks a good reason for the UK leaving the EU is because they have ruled someone has to be given money for being wrongly imprisoned? This is only a drop in the ocean compared to the billions the Spanish tax man would have pocketed from inheritance tax had not the EU intervened and ruled it illegal!

There are a lot more positive rulings from the European courts than the silly cherry picking oddments that Leapy seems to relish in.

*Ray Osborne, Los Alcazares*

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## Ryanair cancel flights due to French air traffic strike

F... French. Always too few for them. Always on strike... ALWAYS. They have such high salaries. So much protection.. and it is always TOO FEW.. *Kasia*

They cancel for the slightest reason - what's next: someone sneezed and they took down half the timetable! *Geoff Kerr*

Having been caught up in the chaos on October 10, I feel for people affected by this!!

*Mandy Cooke*

### Police investigate biker for reckless driving

I recently saw a biker drive straight through a line of pedestrians on a zebra crossing, also been overtaken on zebra crossings many times by bikers. It's as though the laws don't apply to some bikers here! *S D*

There should be more of this action taken especially when motor cyclists drive with their feet off the pedals and using them as a balancing act. The police could have a field day. *Trisha Rodgers*

If you want to ride like that go to the Isle of Man during the TT on mad Sunday. *Michael Hearne*

### Comments from EWN online

#### French air traffic control strike likely to affect UK-Spain flights

And this is the country that won the bid to host an Olympic Games - athletes and spectators could find themselves in a pickle because they're sure to take advantage of this! *Tina Sexton*

Never fail do they. Ought to make these dates national holidays. *Richard Taylor*

#### 12-year-old girl pregnant by boy same age

How sad as she is only a baby herself. *Kath Dickman*  
Babies having babies, not good. *Carol Garrington*

#### British Airways passengers to board by ticket price

No point to booking early at the lesser fares then! I used BA last June from LHR to Murcia. Reserved seat wasn't honoured (paid extra and didn't get any form or priority in the queue). This new system has reinforced my view that they are no better than Ryanair. Are BA thinking it ok to provide punitive boarding priorities simply because a few others do it? A race to the bottom begins! That's two airlines off my list now that may force me to put my carry on bag in the hold. Why risk laptop, cameras and lenses, and other dear personal effects down there? *Dave Arnold*

BA has gone to pot! Try and get a drink when you sit at the back of the plane! Had four trips didn't get a drink. easyJet is far better. *Peter Urquhart*

Who's the mug? The one that got on first. They paid more for their flight, last on got the cheapest deal, I'll take that every time. *Stephen Jordan*

### Puzzle plea

NOT A complaint because I enjoy your paper, but if you want to make it even better please publish the answers to the puzzles the same week. We all try but if the puzzles are beyond us no one can retain an interest in the answers until the next issue. I know loads of people who can't be bothered having a go because of this.

*Norman, address withheld*

**Editor's note: Many thanks for the feedback. Is this something others would like to see? Please write in with your views.**

### Just shocking

THE recent hysteria over a series of small earthquakes and their potential to generate a mile-high tsunami in Tenerife beggars belief. People should spend less time reading nonsense 'shock' journalism and more time worrying about real issues like the drought here in Spain.

*Alan Smith, Canary Islands*



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# Hernias



**SPECIALIST: Doctor Luis Perez Belmonte.**

**WHAT is a hernia?**

A hernia is nothing more than a weakening of the muscles in an area in the body which allows an internal part to pass through. Most typically these occur in the groin and abdominal area.

**How do hernias occur?**

The weakening of muscle walls or physical strain can force internal parts to move from one place to another. For example, an inguinal hernia can occur when fatty tissue or a part of your bowel pokes through into your groin at the top of your inner thigh.

**What are its symptoms?**

The main symptom is the appearance of a lump in the groin or abdominal area. This lump tends to be soft and can sometimes be simply pushed back in. Sometimes they can be painful and in certain cases they can cut off the circulation to the intestine which will require surgery.

**How do you treat them?**

In general hernias need to be operated on to avoid complications. If you decide not to undergo surgery, compressive straps and avoiding physical strains can prevent them from appearing, or growing larger.

**Should you seek medical help?**

You should always go see your doctor if a hernia appears so they can refer you to a surgeon.

**Do they tend to come back after the first time?**

After a hernia has been operated on it is difficult for it to appear in the same place, however they can appear elsewhere.

**Are there ways of preventing them?**

Avoiding heavy lifting and other strenuous activities, as well as core muscle exercises which can prevent them from appearing, however they can still form despite these measures.

If you have any questions for Dr Perez Belmonte, please send them to: [jefemedico@helicopterosanitarios.com](mailto:jefemedico@helicopterosanitarios.com)



**LUSCIOUS LOCKS:** Having a system for drying your hair can cut down on damage.

## The blow out

IT happens so easily. It's cold and wet outside and you just want to enjoy an evening in but you remember you've got plans to see friends that can't be put off. Getting dressed up becomes a hassle when you're chilled through and the thought of blow drying your hair to perfection an unnecessary irritation.

Luckily, website, *Buzzfeed* has come up with ingenious life hacks for getting the locks of a goddess (or god) in no time.

The site suggests using kitchen roll to absorb the majority of the moisture from your hair before you even begin drying it. According to *Buzzfeed*, this surprisingly effective tip will reduce the amount of time you need with your hairdryer. The website also advises cutting down on the number of sections you dry your hair in, suggesting just four.

Simply divide your hair into one section at the front, one at the back, one at each side and clip it off. This will make hair easier to manage and take some of the hassle out of drying.

There are also several prod-

ucts available which will help reduce drying time. Why not try a roller brush which incorporates small amounts of microfibre cloth which draws water away from the hair?

Or how about investing in an Ionic dryer, which uses negative ions to break water molecules down, allowing them to evaporate faster?

Finally, there are several blow dry accelerator sprays on the market which claim to wick water away from hair, reducing the time you dry your hair.

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# Flamenco blowout

FAMED flamenco dancer, Manuela Carrasco is set to headline this year's Juan Breva festival in Velez-Málaga.

The annual event will celebrate its 40th year on Saturday December 16. The festival, in honour of the artist from Velez-Málaga, will also feature performances by Paqui Rios and Jose 'El Boleco.'

Councillor for Culture, Cynthia Garcia, guitarist and representative of the Flamenco Abierto association, Ruben Portillo, and the president of the flamenco group, 'Niño de Velez' all attended an event to launch the festival.

Councillor Garcia explained it is one of the most important flamenco festivals in Andalucía, adding, "we work all year to make it so and the council prioritise fla-

menco and Spanish and Andalusian traditions." She explained, "Manuela Carrasco currently performs very rarely so it is a real privilege to have her in Velez-Málaga."

Jose 'El Boleco' is a young flamenco dancer from the Puebla de Cazalla in Sevilla.

Ruben Portillo, commented "this festival is one of the oldest in Spain and with our support in the organisation we want to contribute to make it bigger, if possible." He added, "the programming planned for this year is of great quality and very varied."

The event will begin at 9pm at the Teatro del Carmen. Tickets can be purchased at the Palacio de Beniel and Torre del Mar's tourist office.

# Music and art event

By Sally Underwood

THE Competa-based art gallery, Luz de la Vida, has announced its upcoming exhibitions.

From Thursday December 7, Indian artist Poonam Chandirka Tyagi, will show her works. Poonam, who also participated in the International Art Symposium in Competa in October, is a master of Arts in 'drawings and paintings' from R.G. College, Meerut.

In her paintings she portrays a world that is 'haunted' by the ancient myths, primordial energies of Eros, representations of passion and sublime. In many works she paints the iconic image of women connected with nature, the moon, the sun and the mystic life. Poonam's work takes elements of traditional Indian art to interpret her themes.

On Thursday December 21, singer-songwriter, Keith James will be back at the gallery at 8.30pm, performing his music. The concert artist is currently performing in the UK and has released 13 CD albums, all self-produced and self-published.

He has just released a brand new album, all settings of poetry to music in-



Credit: Wikimedia

## COMPETA: Will host several art events.

cluding work by Jack Kerouac, Pete Brown the 1960's British beat poet, William Blake, Allen Ginsberg, Federico Garcia Lorca and some of Keith's own.

In 2018, the gallery's owner, Lieuwke Loth, who has organised the Competa Art Walk for the last four years, will be putting on another four days of art and culture. Taking place on March 31, April 1, April 3 and April 4 Next year, the free event will celebrate its 10th year.

The events on December 7 and 21 will

take place at Galeria Luz de la Vida, Calle Laberinto bajo 15, Competa. For more general information about the gallery and its events, contact: [info@lieuwkeloth.nl](mailto:info@lieuwkeloth.nl); 722 539 488; visit [www.galerialuzdelavida.com](http://www.galerialuzdelavida.com); or [www.facebook.com/galerialuzdelavida](http://www.facebook.com/galerialuzdelavida).

For information about the Competa Art Walk, visit [www.facebook.com/artcompeta](http://www.facebook.com/artcompeta) and for more information on the event on December 21, visit <http://www.keith-james.com>.

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MY recent comments on Tempranillo led to requests from readers for additional information which I am happy to provide.

It is useful when buying Tempranillo to understand the four legal ageing terms listed on most Spanish wine bottles as they affect quality and flavour.

- Vin Joven: rarely aged in oak, they are released young, intended for immediate consumption, and are not very common outside Spain.

- Crianza: reds aged for two years with six months in oak, traditionally American which is stronger than other types (ie French).

- Reserva: reds aged three years, with one year in oak, resulting in a higher quality with richer, round flavours.

- Gran Reserva: exceptional vintage wines, aged a minimum of five years with 18 months of oak ageing.

## Tempranillo: What's in a label...



### BACCHUS CELLAR

by Lorenzo Barbareschi

### AGEING TERMS: Affect quality and flavour.

Depending on the region, Tempranillo is known under various names: Tinta del Pais in Ribera del Duero, Tinta de Toro in Toro, Ull de Llebre in Catalonia, Cencibel in Valdepenas where it is the predominant red grape and Tinto Fino in other regions.

Tempranillo is most commonly blended with Garnacha, Mazuela, Merlot, Monastrell and Cabernet Sauvignon; is the major component of the typical Ri-

oja blends and constitutes 90-100 per cent of Ribera del Duero wines.

Reasonably-priced labels of Tempranillo 'vin Joven' include Rioja 2016 Pagos del Rey by Castillo de Albai; Crin Rioja; and Senorio de Los Llanos by Garcia de Carrion.

Recommended to serve at 15°C, this can be achieved by putting the open bottle into the fridge 15 minutes before pouring.

Happy tasting.



## The housing answer

A NEW business model is transforming Spain's real estate sector.

Start up companies are slashing red tape by snapping up homes, taking care of the bureaucracy, then selling them on.

One example is Clicpiso. The company uses big data technology to find available homes across the country that are almost guaranteed to turn a profit.

They buy the home outright from the seller in mere days.

It is then sold to buyers who can be sure that it has been properly vetted and don't have to engage with the original owner or be involved in lengthy negotiations.

With its customer-centric model and use of technology and advanced algorithms, Clicpiso has already secured millions in backing from investors. The company merges real estate knowledge with savvy computer and marketing minds to bring a new perspective to the property game.

The rise of new companies hasn't gone unnoticed by traditional real estate agents, keen to stay competitive in a market worth some €54 billion.

They are also employing big data technology to offer clients the best homes and services available.

Big data involves a comprehensive analysis of a variety of trends, including pricing and consumer behaviour, to effectively predict the direction of the market and offer sound investment advice.

# Best ways to heat your casa

By Matthew Elliott

HOMEOWNERS across Spain are turning to new techniques to help warm their houses in winter. Home reform platform, Habitissimo reports more and more Spaniards are seeking help in bringing down the bills and staving off the chilly weather.

More than 15,000 homeowners requested information on heating their home last year, suggesting a huge appetite for sound advice.

The average family in Spain spends €1,454 per year heating their home. Those using natural gas average between €760 and €928, while those using electricity stump up around €2,000. Most people can easily cut their expenses by 20 per cent by being smarter in their choice of heating system.

Habitissimo offer advice on the smartest ways for homeowners to keep warm. Programmable thermostats can slash electric bills by 10 per cent. Paying an engineer to adjust the boiler is a sound investment, which can reduce costs by 15 per cent in the long run.

The most in-demand heating system among Spaniards is gas. More than one in three prefer gas, compared to the 19 per cent who favour the simplicity of electric.

A trend growing in popularity is for heated floors. These provide uniform heat throughout the house and don't create a dry or stuffy environment. Heated floors offer long term savings of between 10 and 30 per cent. Installation costs



**TOASTY:** Spaniards are sick and tired of cold casas.

around €6,500 on average, but can rise to as much as €15,000 if the floors have to be raised.

One in five who ask for help from Habitissimo end up choosing heated pellets. This is a biofuel

formed from compressed sawdust that offers a greener way of heating the home. It can be expensive though, with heating a big house possibly demanding a kilo of pellets be burned every hour.

## Rented homes on the rise

PROPERTY rental prices in Spain are rising because young people are finding themselves frozen out of the housing market.

Iñigo de la Serna, the Minister for Development, noted that rental prices in Spain were growing 'notably' and that the property sector as a whole was performing well.

Although Spain has traditionally been a country of owners, not tenants, the number of people now living in rented accommodation is now reaching the levels of other EU countries.

According to Adolfo Ramirez-Escudero, chief executive of property services company, CBRE Spain, roughly one million new apartments have been added to the rental market in the past decade.

According to de la Serna, the average cost of renting a home is still 17 per cent less than it was in 2007 when the financial crisis struck and prices are rising faster in certain areas, such as Madrid and Barcelona.

A report published by Casaktua concluded that more Spaniards are renting a place to live, particularly in the 25 to 35 age group, because they can't afford to



**FLAT MATES:** More people are renting in Spain than ever before.

take out a mortgage. Fifty seven per cent of the people who rented their homes revealed they did so because they could not afford to buy.

Others revealed that they were worried they would not be able to keep up with the repayments if they committed

themselves to a mortgage.

The trend of renting homes instead of buying looks set to continue as rising house prices are also causing rents to soar in popular areas; making it harder for tenants to save money towards a deposit so they can buy their own place.

## Communal living comforts

THE number of housing complexes which cater to the needs of smaller families has risen in Spain in recent years.

While it used to be more common in Spain to have one big house with many generations living under the same roof, families are now choosing to live in smaller houses, preferably in complexes where they have everything they need under one roof.

These cohousing communities often have shared facilities such as a pool, garden and tennis court. They tend to be built outside cities with access to good transport links.

According to a recent study by Casaktua, most families consider a swimming pool essential when looking for a new house.



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# Autumn leaves are falling down

## A perfect time to remake your garden

**GRAEME TYRRELL**

THE onset of the colder weather brings a lot of changes to the garden.

It is much easier to work in the glorious autumn sun to clean up the garden by pruning the summer flowering shrubs and preparing the soil for winter herbs, flowering annuals, new shrubs and trees.

It is the perfect time to plant new additions to the garden and start off new plants in pots so they can be well established before the next summer's heat.

If you are plagued by autumn leaves falling, it is useful to know that you can take advantage of this natural annual event to improve your garden with richer soil from the autumn leaves which are a free source of organic material.

The simplest way to manage autumn leaves is to rake or blow them into natural soil garden beds to act as a mulch. It can look at-

tractive and breaks down quickly over winter to add humus and other nutrients to the soil.

I also gather the leaves to surround newly planted trees and shrubs to provide insulation from the cold in winter while they are getting established. It works well even though it has usually broken down by the next summer and I have to use additional mulch for summer water conservation and heat insulation of the roots.

If you have stone mulches on your garden beds this method of mulching does not work as the stone mulches are better left without buildup of organic material as it will encourage weeds.

Instead you can make a simple pen in a corner of the garden to pile the collected leaves and allow them to break down naturally over winter or add them to your compost as fresh layers with additional organic material between each collection of the leaves over au-

**AUTUMN LEAVES: Don't waste them.**

umn. The composted material can be added where it is needed later.

If you are preparing new garden beds that require cultivation, the

leaves can be added to the soil and dug in. Leaves decompose very rapidly in the soil so they will improve the texture and or-

ganic content quickly to make the soil better for establishing new plants.

The leaves help to keep the soil aerated, with better drainage over winter and gives the soil greater water holding capacity in summer after they have broken down into humus.

So for the gardener, the autumn leaves are a blessing in the annual cycles of the seasons to prepare for the changes to come. Gathering the autumn leaves up from the terraces and paths, to add to the soil and protect the plants, makes them an asset rather than a burden.

I love to see the fresh autumn leaves as they fall and decorate the ground so I usually only collect them weekly. The warm autumn sun on the coloured leaves in the brisk autumn breezes, provides a different aspect of the garden from other seasons that can be enjoyed and worked with to improve the quality of the garden year round.

## Top tips for growing your own fruit and vegetables

EVERYONE has thought about growing their own fruit and vegetables at some point in their lives but may not necessarily have succeeded. When contemplating whether

to start a fruit or vegetable garden, here are a few tips that may help on the road to home-grown fruit and vegetables.

Firstly, it is important to

have a good, neutral, freely-drained loam soil that is light and airy. This will make it easier to feed the plants and is essential for producing healthy fruit and vegetables.

Make sure to choose the best varieties of plants available, which have been tried and tested to ensure that the fruit or vegetable not only has fantastic flavour, but will also grow pest and disease resistant.

When growing crops, they need to be protected from insects and animals,

especially in Spain. There are a number of options to consider in order to accomplish this, including companion planting or using a natural pest control method such as beer, copper tape or even egg shells.

A final way to ensure growth is to make sure that plenty of organic matter is mixed into the soil and use as mulch on top as it will provide the fruit and vegetables with more nutrients and give them a better chance at survival.

**TIPS: There are a number of things that can help fruit and veg plants survive.**

## Growing in pots

IF you have limited space in your garden or want to protect some of your plants when temperatures drop, it's worth investing in some stylish pots.

Potted plants really brighten up a space and allow you to have a garden that blooms all year round. You can use them to grow anything from climbing and flowering plants to vegetables and herbs.

They also allow you to have a portable garden, as they allow you to bring plants which are susceptible to frost inside during colder months.

Generally speaking, the bigger the plant, the bigger the pot but you need to make sure that it drains well and won't overheat your plant. You can also get creative, by

using anything from old teapots and welly boots to wooden barrels.

Also make sure you keep in mind what the downsides might be of using pots made from certain containers. Although ceramic pots drain well, they also dry out quickly, especially under the hot sun, and require constant watering.

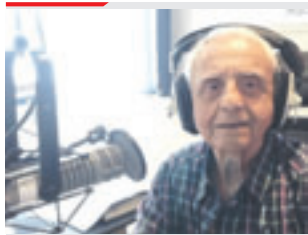
The soil you use in pots is also very important. You should avoid using soil from your garden as it is often too heavy and could contain diseases or insect pests.

However, because specialised potting soil tends to be lighter, you will also need to check your plant's moisture levels more often and make sure they are receiving enough nutrients.

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FOR years it has been medically documented that companion animals, like dogs, cats, rabbits and birds, help people live longer and healthier lives.

Being responsible for caring for an animal often gives new meaning to someone who is living alone or who is far from loved ones. Pets can help elderly people keep an active lifestyle and may help fill a



**PET PALS:** Rescue dogs provide great company and make great additions to the family.

void left by living alone or away from family.

Working families thinking of adopting a rescue animal should take into consideration if they have time for the new family pet. Children should be encouraged to help

and go to dog training classes which are educational, social and really a lot of fun.

Seniors may want to consider adopting an older, adult animal instead of a puppy, kitten or rambunctious 'teenage' pet. Older pets are

more likely to be calm, already house trained and less susceptible to unpredictable behaviour.

Animal shelter staff can help potential adopters find the most suitable animal for their lifestyle.

Seniors should not be encouraged

to take on a large dog, as many take on a dog far too powerful for them, which becomes unmanageable. Obviously if you live in an apartment then you should have a small dog.

Dog's lives revolve around odour; I always recommend bathing a rescue pet as soon as possible. By doing this you wash away the old identity and allow the dog to get his new identity. Most dogs will roll in the ground to get their new identity.

Take your new pet for a walk around the area of your street near your home as soon as you are able. This allows your pet to learn the new smells of the area.

Ensure that all doors, gates etc. to the home are secure and that you have a microchip and a tab on the collar with your telephone number.

Emotionally you will feel very sorry for the little fellow and often new owners can overdo the attention.

Best not to smother the dog and keep in mind that now is the time to set the rules of your home.



**HAPPY POOCH:** Make sure your dog is used to cuddles early on as they will get a lot of attention from strangers.

## First-time blunders

IF you are thinking about getting a dog for the first time or have just taken the plunge and welcomed a new four-legged friend into your life, you should be aware of a few mistakes that are common among first-time owners but are also easy to avoid.

Small mistakes in the beginning could have a big impact on a dog's health and behaviour in the long run.

As it is likely your dog

will spend a significant amount of time at the vets or dog groomers, start handling your new dog as soon as you get her (or him). This will make it easier for them to tolerate any check-ups or attention from strangers in the future.

Also make sure you brush your dog's teeth from the first day you get her. The sooner she gets used to it, the more she'll be accepting of it in the

long run.

It's also important to measure how much food you give your dog, especially one that is still growing, as if they fill out too fast this could lead to health problems later on.

A great way to make sure they get some extra physical activity is by using a food puzzle, this helps dogs to hunt for food and also gives their brains a bit more stimulation during the day.

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The figures come from Click Mechanic. They show that drivers who typically cruise at 80mph emit more than five tonnes extra over 20 odd years than those who cruise at 60mph do.

The average British driver travels 7,800 miles a year. Around 1,600 miles are notched up on motorways. Click Mechanic researchers took a Fiat 500 as their test model and found that, on the motorway, it cost 500 more over a lifetime to drive at 65mph compared to 60mph.

The cheapest speed to drive on the motorway is 55mph, though other road users probably won't appreciate the cost cutting.

By Matthew Elliott

WOMEN love the Hyundai Ioniq. The hybrid was declared Supreme Winner of the Women's World Car of the Year awards.

The first car to boast three electrified powertrains was selected by an all female cast of 25 motoring journalists. The Supreme Winner is the car that 'really stands out' according to Sandy Myhre, who is in charge of the awards process.

"The Women's World Car of the Year award once again proves that the world's first car offering hybrid, plug-in hybrid and all-electric powertrains in a single body type is a real champion," said Andreas-Christoph Hofmann of Hyundai Motor Europe.

Judges voted on six categories: budget, family car, SUV, luxury, performance, and green. The green category was also won by the Ioniq.

The sleek and mobile Hyundai Ioniq could hardly be more different to the car declared World Car of the Year last month. The Jaguar F-Pace SUV won what could be called the 'men's awards.'

The Mazda CX-5 won the family car award, the Ford Fiesta was the best bud-

# Femme fatale

## Women's top car revealed



**SLEEK:** Hyundai Ioniq a hit with the ladies.

get, and the Peugeot 3008 won best SUV. The BMW 5 Series easily won best luxury car and the Honda Civic Type R scooped the performance award.

There was also a special award for the best 'Dream Machine' for women. For the second year running McLaren won the dream car award. The 720 S edged out tight competition from the Maserati Levante and Aston Martin DB11. On the rear view mirror is etched a quote from McLaren founder Bruce McLaren and reads: "Life is measured in achievement, not in years alone."



**2019 CLS:** Set for its debut next week.

## Mercedes release CLS teaser

MERCEDES have released two teaser images of the 2019 CLS ahead of the car's full reveal at the Los Angeles Auto Show next week.

The images show the CLS-Class' front fascia, which seems to take inspiration from the Mercedes-AMG GT Coupe and has what looks like LED running lights along the hood line.

The second image shows part of the interior which has stereotypical Mercedes features,

The 2019 CLS is set for its show floor debut next Wednesday.

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# Other managers cry - I don't cry - Jose

MANCHESTER UNITED gaffer, Jose Mourinho, who host Brighton in the Premier League at Old Trafford on Saturday, says other managers 'cry' when hit by player injuries.

"Other managers cry when players are injured - I don't cry -" said Mourinho, who has had a plethora of injuries this season.

United suffered another injury scare when Phil Jones pulled out of the England squad to face Brazil after a thigh injury sustained in the international friendly against Germany.

Mourinho could turn to summer signing, Victor Lindelof to replace Jones, should the defender suffer a recurrence that could keep him on the sidelines this weekend.

Liverpool, who host champions Chelsea on Saturday, are in the hunt to sign Barcelona star, Javier Mascherano in the January transfer window.

Argentine midfielder, Mascher-



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with Andrew Atkinson

ano, 33, who departed Anfield for the Nou Camp in 2010, sees his contract at Barcelona end in less than two years.

Liverpool full back, Nathaniel Clyne will be sidelined for another three months after surgery in the wake of the England international where he picked up a back injury.

Dominic Solanke's England surprise call-up for the international friendly against Brazil could cost Liverpool £10 million: "It came as a surprise, really but anything can happen as a footballer," said Liverpool striker, Solanke.

Solanke, 20, who left Chelsea in a move to An-

**JOSE MOURINHO:**  
Doesn't cry.

field in the summer, will have his value decided by tribunal. Liverpool offered £3m, which was rejected.

Liverpool star, Sadio Mane, dogged with a hamstring, is set to head to the 2018 World Cup following Senegal's first qualification since 2002.



THE first of five Ashes Tests between Australia and England gets underway today in Brisbane with England captain, Joe Root saying: Bring it on!

"I've heard chat about targeting me, in particular. We'll be targeting every single one of them. Bring it on," said Root.

Aussie spinner, Nathan Lyon has singled out Root after Australian opener David Warner labelled the series as 'war'.

"There's been a lot of talk - some of it is a load of rubbish - especially from some of the Aussie players. The more you say, the more it can backfire on you," said Root.

Alastair Cook, England's all-time leading Test run scorer, vice-captain, James Anderson, England's highest Test wicket-taker and Stuart Broad are among key figures.

"The great thing about Ashes cricket is that you have to get in a battle, so I tend to be a better bowler,"

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## Cricket: Ashes Tests

Bring it on! Joe rooting for Ashes

said Broad.

England all-rounder, Moeen Ali will be fit for the Ashes after a scare when he suffered a side strain. Fast bowler, Steven Finn, who misses the Ashes after sustaining a torn knee cartilage, is replaced by Tom Curran. Jake Ball is a doubt for the first Test, with strained ankle tendons.

Ben Stokes is absent due to an ongoing police investigation after his alleged altercation in Bristol during the one-day series against West Indies in the summer.

England haven't won the opening Test of an Ashes series in Australia since 1986. Australia are 4-5 favourites to win the Ashes, with England 5-2, with odds of 9-2 for a draw.

"It is a great part of the

Ashes series, a great part of the rivalry," said Broad, in his third Test Series.

"We're not going to blast the Australians out. We have to do what we do, adjust our length a bit. If you bowl that slightly fuller length, you get belted," said Broad.

"I've done some good work leading into the first Test. I feel like my time is coming," said Broad.

Is the Ashes Tests series a war?: "It's a game of cricket - not war - one I believe we can win," said Broad.

Ashes Tests: November 23-27, 1st Test, Brisbane; December 2-6, 2nd Test, Adelaide; December 14-18, 3rd Test, Perth (Waca); December 26-30, 4th Test, Melbourne; January 4-8, 5th Test, Sydney.

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# My parents have always believed in me. I couldn't ask for better role models

Euro Weekly News sports correspondent, Andrew Atkinson talks in-depth in Part two of an Exclusive interview with British born teenage swimming sensation, twice-Junior World Oceanman Female World Champion, Club Natacion Elche star, Zoe Connolly.

ZOE CONNOLLY'S quest is to meet Spanish Olympic, world and European champion swimmer, Mireia Belmonte - the first female Olympic champion in the history of Spanish swimming - considered to be the greatest Spanish swimmer ever. "The person I would like to meet the most is Mireia Belmonte - she is an excellent swimmer - who swims so many different races and very good at long-distance," said Zoe.

Dedicated teenage ace, Zoe has achieved successes in her fledgling career, that has lead her to becoming the Open Water Junior World Oceanman Female World Champion, in 2016 and 2017: "I am grateful to my parents who pay to stay in hotels," said Zoe.

"Competition swimming costumes are expensive - up to €400 a suit - wetsuits for open water run into hundreds of euros," said Zoe.

"It also costs money for entries into competi-

**NERVOUS:**  
Zoe at the  
start of the  
2017 World  
Half  
Oceanman.



tions, along with training with the swimming club each month," said

Zoe, whose entrance fees for travesias - sea swims - were over €200 in 2017.

"My parents have always supported me - given me everything I needed - to achieve what I have achieved. They have always believed in me and helped me through the hard times," said Zoe.

"No matter what happens they are always there for me - helping me through school - and swimming. I couldn't ask for better role models," said Zoe. Away from the water, Zoe is busy studying: "I am studying my first year of 'Bachillerato' in 'Almoradi Antonio Sequeros'," said Zoe.



**DREAM MEETING:** Mireia Belmonte - Spain's No.1.



**CHAMPION:** Zoe finishing the 2017 World Half Oceanman.

"I intend to continue studying by attending University to study physics and mathematics," said Zoe, studying to take the entrance exam next November, for either Oxford or Cambridge Universities.

Despite her huge success, Zoe has had disappointments: "My biggest disappointment was being one place short of achieving Elite Athlete Status in 2017 in the open water Spanish Cup," said Zoe.

Zoe, who has a coach, for both Fin Swimming and normal swimming, as part of her local swimming club, Club Natacion Elche, says swimming in open waters has its dangers and injury woes.

"I have sustained various injuries throughout the years, due to my tendons that did not grow at the same rate as my bones," said Zoe. "The biggest danger in sea swimming is the jellyfish. I have been lucky - only been stung a few times - and it has never been serious," said Zoe.

Zoe, whose favourite meal is pasta with chicken, listens to music and reads books to relax: "I listen to the top hits, although I do like Shawn

Mendes, Ed Sheeran and Arianna Grande," said Zoe. "I find swimming quite relaxing - it helps get rid of stress - especially throughout exam weeks. I also find reading quite relaxing too," said Zoe, who dreams of an exotic holiday.

"I would love to visit somewhere exotic - Thailand or Tahiti - it would be nice to learn about different cultures," said Zoe. "But, honestly, I would go anywhere with nice beaches. I love the sea and it would be great to swim and scuba dive, to see all the different wildlife," said Zoe. "Swimming is amazing, such a big part of my life. It's good for stress relief and very good for your health and it has helped my education, concentration and time management," said Zoe.

"Sometimes training sessions can be hard, but nothing beats the feeling of accomplishment when you've finished. Overall it improves your mood," said Zoe.

"In 2018, I am thinking about becoming a swimming coach/trainer, in which I will have to take another course, with more exams," said Zoe, who worked as a lifeguard in the summer.





Costa Tropical

MADRID rivals Real and Atletico played out the first 0-0 draw between the two sides in La Liga since 2005 at the weekend, leaving both sides 10 points behind Barcelona in the title race.

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## ANNIVERSARY TROPHY

### Las Gabias / Individual Stableford

Forty-five players turned up for the tournament in what was a great turnout, with Tim Davis (8 Hcp, 39 points) winning by three shots from Steve McFarlane and Gill Green taking the lady's honour. Tim, who repeated last year's success, was presented with the Anniversary Trophy at Baviera.

**Overall Winner:** Tim Davis Hcp8 39pts

**Ladies:** 1st Gill Green Hcp20 33pts; 2nd Penny Tagher Hcp24 30pts; 3rd Linda Anderson Hcp16 28pts

**Men:** 1st Steve McFarlane Hcp19 36pts; 2nd Marc Schrello Hcp14 36pts; 3rd Neil Taylor Hcp14 35pts; 4th Jim Henderson Hcp18 35pts; 5th John Murrell Hcp22 34pts

**Best Nine Holes:** Front 9: Frank Stockton 21pts; Back 9: Simon Hellewell 16pts

**Two's:** Rafik Tagher 18

## GINs celebrates 29 years with Anniversary Trophy

### Los Moriscos / Individual Stableford

**Ladies:** 1st Jill Parker Hcp30 38pts; 2nd Neilma Jary Hcp28 36pts; 3rd Esther McClenaghan Hcp20 34pts

**Men:** 1st Crawford Anderson Hcp25 37pts; 2nd Keith Jary Hcp28 36pts; 3rd Graham Francis Hcp26 36pts; 4th Clive Pool Hcp28 36pts

**Two's:** Pepe Gil 2

### Añoreta / El Puente Restaurante Masters / Individual Stableford

A great turn out with 38 players show what a good sponsor El Puente are and everybody wants to win one of their prizes. Overall winner was Stewart Green with 36pts, a superb day with the putter, only 22 puts the difference between a good day and an average day, next best and first man was the returning to form Malcolm McLeod with 35pts, next was Pete Thompson with 33pts.

The best lady and carrying on with her good form Lyn MacAllister with a great score of 35pts ahead of the always in the frame Marisa with 31pts. There were four ladies on 30 pts but winning on the back six Gill Green.

**Overall Winner:** Stewart Green Hcp6 36pts

**Ladies:** 1st Lyn McAllister Hcp28 35pts; 2nd Marisa Elias Garcia Hcp18 31pts; 3rd Gill Green Hcp21 30pts

**Men:** 1st Malcolm McLeod Hcp18 35pts; 2nd Pete Thompson Hcp18 33pts; 3rd Alan Lloyd-Edwards Hcp17 31pts

**Two's:** Ian Black 5, Tony McClenaghan 5, Stewart Green 2, Granville Hirst 2, Carlos Villen 2, Aileen Stockton 17, Steve Denning 17

### Baviera / El Puente Restaurante Masters / Individual Stableford

On a clear, cool November day there

was a good field for the Baviera running of the El Puente Masters. It was an Individual Stableford Competition. Some tees were well back and the greens were a bit tricky, so all the better scores were bunched together in the low 30's.

The Overall Winner, John Blanco had a creditable score of 36pts.

Next week is the FGA sponsored game with bumper prizes so please sign up asap with Ian.

**Overall Winner:** John Blanco 36pts

**Ladies:** 1st Gill Boutel 29pts; 2nd Marion Fraser 27pts

**Men:** 1st Mark Fulton 35pts; 2nd Ian Paterson 34pts; 3rd Steve McFarlane 34pts

**Two's:** Keith Taylor 8, John Blanco 8 and 15, Roy Boutel 15, Tony Downey 15, Cliff Elliott 15, Mark Fulton 15 and Derek Sibson 15.

## Almijara Bowls Club Gala Day

THE Almijara Bowls Club recently held their November Gala Day competition at the Raqueta Tennis and Bowls Club, Nerja. The event was sponsored by Liberty Seguros and the Cup by TAIL Torrox Animal Charity.

There were 36 competitors in 12 teams of triples which were split into two leagues and the top team in each league played the final. Each team had five games of eight ends and many games were evenly contested.

One team from each league survived unbeaten, Alison Gardiner, Keith Entwistle and David Crow from one, David Dickenson, Ken Grainger and Nigel Locke from the other.

The final was a closely fought affair, with neither team able to pull away. The final end could have gone either way, but Nigel, Ken and David held on to win by three shots. Congratulations to Nigel Locke, Ken Grainger and David Dickinson.

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